

Town of Wrentham



2008 Annual Report

The Board of Selectmen wishes to recognize the exceptional drawings from participating Wrentham Elementary School Students. The Board of Selectmen also extends their gratitude to Dr. Jeffrey Marsden, Elementary School Superintendent, the Wrentham Elementary School Committee and the school faculty for their efforts in arranging and coordinating the students' drawings for this 2008 Wrentham Annual Town Report.

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TOWN OF WRENTHAM



FOUNDED IN 1660 - INCORPORATED 1673

2007 CENSUS - POPULATION – 10,718 (as of 6/30/08)
Voters - 7,261 (as of 6/30/08)

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008

Selectmen

MARY A. DUNN, CHAIRMAN
(Term Expires 2009)

JENNIFER N. FIRTH, VICE CHAIRMAN
(Term Expires 2009)

JOHN ZIZZA
(Term Expires 2010)

EDWARD J. GODDARD, CLERK
(Term Expires 2010)

BOB J. COHEN
(Term Expires 2011)

JOHN J. MCFEELEY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
CYNTHIA L. THOMPSON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
VALERIE BROWNLY, BOARD SECRETARY/LICENSING CLERK

Moderator

KEITH BILLIAN
(Term Expires 2008)

Town Clerk

CAROL A. MOLLIKA
(Term Expires 2010)

Assistant Town Clerk

Vacant

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy of Boston
Honorable John F. Kerry of Boston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - 3RD

Honorable James McGovern of Worcester

**STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT
NORFOLK, BRISTOL & MIDDLESEX**

Scott P. Brown of Wrentham

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

9th Norfolk

Richard J. Ross of Wrentham

COUNTY SEAT - NORFOLK COUNTY, DEDHAM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John Gillis, Quincy
Francis W. O'Brien, Dedham
Peter H. Collins, Milton

COUNTY DIRECTOR

Daniel Matthews

COUNTY ENGINEER

Carlos A. Sanchez

ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER/COUNTY SURVEYOR

Clayton T. Ryan, Jr.

COUNTY TREASURER

Joseph A. Connolly, Weymouth

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Appointed and Elected Individuals to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Finance Department

Finance Director

Karen F. Jelloe

Assistant Town Treasurers/Collectors

Karen T. Heinz & Carolyn A. Preston
(Terms Expire 2009)

Town Accountant

Jean M. Sarno
(Term Expires 2009)

Assistant Town Accountant

Susan E. Harris
(Term Expires 2009)

Assessors*

Irene L. Levesque, Clerk	2009
Joan A. Dooley, Chairman	2010
Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr.	2011

Appraiser to Board of Assessors

Lisa Cathcart	2009
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Assistant Assessors

Lisa Cathcart	2009
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Board of Health*

Nicholas P. Tobichuk (term expired April 2008)	2008
Leon H. Bruner	2009
Ravindra M. Nadkarni, Chairman	2010
Marion E. Cafferky	2011

Wrentham School Committee*

Edward J. Goddard (term expired April 2008)	2008
Caron B. Ketchum	2009
Michelle M. Rouse	2009
Kim E. Carr	2010
Deborah Bello Webster	2011

King Philip Regional School District Committee*

Margaret A. Billian	2008
Clare A. Sullivan	2009
Caron B. Ketchum - Yearly Appointment from Wrentham School Committee	2007

Constables*

Edward C. Bettencourt	2010
Richard J. Gillespie	2010
Stephen R. Hamlin	2010

Public Library Trustees*

Robert J. Farquharson	2009
Julie L. Mollica	2009
Maureen Osolnik	2009
Clarice L. Mauro (resigned 7/07)	2008
Richard E. Steponaitis	2010
Nancy M. Howes	2011
Diane G. Rook	

Planning Board*

Jill M. Fallon	2009
Everett W. Skinner, Jr.	2009
George R. Smith, Jr.	2009
Bob J. Cohen	2010
Joseph Macrina	2010
Patrick J. Moore	2011
Glen D. Pisani	2011

Town Planner

Paige E. Duncan

Wrentham Housing Authority*

Nancy A. Grady	2009
Marjorie V. Hooper	2010
Mary U. Geromini	2012
Robert H. Morrill	2013

Town Counsel

George Hall, Anderson & Kreiger, LLP
Paul V. Mulkern, Labor Counsel

Council on Aging

Janet Angelico, Director	
Joyce I. Marland (resigned 4/23/08)	2008
Sarah J. Graves	2009
Thomas L. Myette, Sr.	2009
James F. Palmer	2009
Nicholas P. Tobichuk, Jr.	2010
Carl W. Schwalbe (deceased 5/7/08)	2010
Kendra J. Farling	2011
Mary T. Gouthro	2011
Emily M. Todd	2011

Board of Appeals

Gerald Danca	2009
Susan J. Seymour	2010
Shawn E. Gough	2011
Keith G. Langer	2012
Leo E. Immonen	2013
Walter F. Pelrine (Associate)	2009
Gregory J. Sexton (Associate)	2010
John F. Redman (Associate)	2011

Wrentham Cultural Council

Michael Myers	2008
Deborah H. Colella	2009
Elizabeth A. Connors-Chen	2009
Renee Curry	2009
Sharon E. Pillersdorf	2009
Andrea M. Tooker	2009
Evelyn T. Zepf	2009
Marcia Z. Marinelli	2010

Building Inspector

3 Year Fiscal Appointment

Nicholas P. Tobichuk
Richard L. Bishop, Assistant

Sign Inspector

Indefinite

Nicholas P. Tobichuk

Cable Advisory Committee

Margaret A. Billian	2008
Richard W. Bryant	2008
Marcia Mavrides	2008
Mary A. Dunn	2009
Marjorie A. Immonen	2009
Caron B. Ketchum	2009

Ad Hoc Chapter 40B

Indefinite

Gary Jordan	Robert Morrill	Susan Seymour
George Smith	John Zizza	

Conservation Commission

Cheryl B. Connelly	2008
Leo E. Immonen	2009
George R. Smith, Jr.	2009
William W. Bauser	2010
Diane M. Demarais	2010
Barry Kassler	2010
Michael G. Mavrides	2011
Christopher D. Yarworth	2011

Crossing Guard

William Daniel	2009
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Tree Warden

No expiration date

DPW Superintendent

Animal Control

Annual Fiscal Appointment

Susan Thibedeau

Economic Development Commission

Robert J. Cannon	2009
Joseph R. McDonald	2009
Marjorie A. Immonen	2010
Christopher J. Perron	2010
Sherri L. Walker	2011

Committee on Disability

George A. Labonte	2008
Paulette M. Cole	2009
Mary Dobek	2009
Charlotte Forbes	2010
Caterina Sanguinetti	2010
Susan M. Houston	2011

Election Wardens Annual Appointment

Mary U. Geromini
Marylou Barton, Deputy

Election Inspectors Annual Appointment

Joyce M. Baldyga	Lynne M. Hallion	Frances H. Padula
Marylou Barton	Margery I. Harrington	Gail L. Pratt
Patricia Bogardus	Mary E. Kehrmeyer	Dorothy E. Reynolds
Marion E. Cafferky	Edward Martisius, Jr.	Valerie A. Schensnol
Joseph W. Cassidy Jr.	Susan E. Martisius	Donald Vaillancourt
Mary U. Geromini	Frank A. Mollica	Jeannette Vaillancourt
Melvin F. Gouthro	Linda M. Nolan	

Emergency Management Service

Joseph T. Heck (RACES)	2009
Thomas Morse (RACES)	2009
Kenneth W. Oles	2009
Robert Y. Pellet (RACES)	2009

Employee Insurance Advisory

Joseph Collamati, Jr.	2008
Robert Donnelly	2008
Richard J. Gillespie	2008
Lynda Hall	2008
Robert Holst	2008
William R. McGrath	2008
James McMorow	2008
Benjamin Morse	2008
Roberta Brown	2009
William Daniel	2009
Robert Maduskuie	2009
Raymond Rose	2009
Cynthia Thompson	2009

Environmental Protection and Advisory Committee

Barry Kassler	2009
Christopher Milici	2009
Patrick Moore	2009
Ravindra Nadkarni	2009
Deanna Trudeau	2009
John Zizza	2009

Fence Viewers Annual Fiscal Appointment

Nicholas Tobichuk

Fire Chief

Robert H. Morrill

Forest Fire Warden

Robert H. Morrill

Graves Officer

Frederic Cross	2007
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Harbor Master

Richard Gillespie	2007
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Historical Commission

William Keyes	2007
Gregory T. Stahl	2007
Margery Harrington, resigned 4/12/06	2006
Leo Baldyga	2009
Marion Cafferky	2007
Frank Whitehead	2007
Gordon Woodhams (non voting member)	2008

Keeper of the Lockup

Joseph Collamati

Insurance Advisory Committee

Charles Branstrom	2009
Michael Foster	2007
Christine Hulbig	2006
Frederick True	2008

Agent of Licensing Authority

Richard Gillespie	2008
James Anderson	2009
Joseph Collamati	2008
William McGrath	2009
Stephen Hearon	2008
Richard Mayhew	2009
Michael Robillard	2009
James Barrett	2009
Jeffrey Smith	2009

Local Emergency Planning Committee Expires 2009

Standish K. Allen	Calvin Hennick	Jodi Pflum
Brian Alward	Brian Holmes	Peter W. Preston
James E. Anderson	Terri Javery	Jill Proulx
Janet Angelico	Jay R. Johnson	Richard J. Ross
Becky Annis	Dr. Brian Kelly	Robert Russell
John Arzoomanian	John R. Manchester	William St. Cyr
Scott P. Brown	Jeffrey Marsden	Brian Sullivan
Buck Buchanan	Deborah Martel	Matt Sweeney
Bob J. Cohen	Heather McCarron	Cynthia L. Thompson
Mary A. Dunn	John McFeeley	Nicholas Tobichuk
Jennifer N. Firth	James J. McMorrow	Frank Whitehead
Clem Foye	Ravindra Nadkarni	Beth M. Winbourne
Edward J. Goddard	Mark S. Pare	John M. Zizza
Lynne Harrison	Steven Peterson	

Marra Property Advisory Committee

Maureen Osolnik	2008
Jeffrey Plympton	2008
Sandra L. Adams	2009
Edward J. Goddard	2009
Ravindra Nadkarni	2009
Carl W. Schwalbe (deceased)	2009
Everett Skinner, Jr.	2009

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Maureen Osolnik (resigned 5/07)	2008
William Bauser	2010
Michael J. Carroll (resigned 12/07)	2010
George R. Smith, Jr.	2011

Norfolk County Advisory Board

George R. Smith, Jr.	2009
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Open Space Committee

Dianne M. Demarais	2009
Barbara Ligon	2009
Darryl Luce	2009

Police Chief

Joseph Collamati, Jr. (retired 2008)
James E. Anderson

Parking Clerk

Michelle Vekeman

Permanent Building Committee

Donald Lincoln	2008
Carol A. Mollica	2008
Stephen Small	2008
Carl Schwalbe (deceased)	2009
George R. Smith, Jr.	2009

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Franklin

Edward Clifford	2009
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Millis

Leo Acerra	2009
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Norfolk (Expires 2009)

George Bent (2008)	Robert Forsythe	Robert Miller (2008)
Lt. Jonathan Carroll	Terence Gallagher	Paul J. Murphy
William J. Davis	Timothy P. Heinz	Stephen K. Plympton
Thomas Degnim	John W. Holmes	Amanda Prata
Louis Droste	Robert Holst	Keven Roake
David J. Eberle	David J. Holt	Viriato Sena
Leo R. Eithier	Winslow Karlson III	Robert J. Shannon
Glen R. Eykel	James Kozak	Charles H. Stone, Jr.
Nathan Fletcher	David R. McConnell	Eric Van Ness
Susan R. Fornaciari	Jay McGovern (2008)	Mark Vendetti

Plainville

James Alfred
Julie Barrett
David Braley
Corrina Carter
Derek Cassidy
Wayne Cohen
Steven Dehestani
Joseph Flaherty
James Floyd
Scott Gallerani
Frank Gookin
George Willis

Robert Higgins
Todd Holbrook
Gregory Kiff
William Lamb
Peter Lown
Charles Marcelonis
William McEvoy
Edward M. Merrick
Joseph Micheinzie
Alfred Morel
David Neal

Edward O'Neill
Frank Pfefferle
David Rando
James Rockett
Kyle Rockett
Brian Scully
David Simmons
Michael Street
Michael Taylor
Richard Tuden
Matthew Webber

Wrentham

Jason Acord
William Daniel Jr.
Richard J. Gillespie
Robert Holst

Roland Rogers
Paul Schwalbe
Darrell True
Frederick True

Public Safety Communications Review Committee

Joseph Collamati	2008
Richard J. Gillespie	2008
Terry McGovern	2008
Leon H. Bruner	2009
Michael Clemmey	2009
Mary A. Dunn	2009
Walter Mahla	2009
John McFeeley	2009
Patrick Moore	2009
Mark S. Pare	2009
James McMorrow	2008
Cheryl Robertson	2009

Public Weighers (Expires 2009)

James E. Anderson
Lynette Beaudro (2008)
Paul Beckman
William Born (2008)
Chris Cavanaugh

Joseph Collamati
William Higgins
Thomas Maloney
Richard L. Mayhew
William Morgan

Frank Sorrento
Joseph Stafford
Stephen Stafford, Jr.
Thomas Wade

Recreation Committee

Joseph Flocco	2009	Stephen J. Langley	2011
Lisa Saulnier	2009	Chuck Adelsberger	2011
John Winter	2009	Robert Bogardus	2011
Thomas Connor	2010	Paul G. Flaherty	2011
Jane D'Amico	2010	Jeff Plympton, Director	
Dolores Duffy	2010		
John Jackson	2010		

Board of Registrars

Carol A. Mollica	2010
Muriel Beresford	2010
Charles Farling (resigned 6/08)	2010
Norma Jacobs	2010

Right-To-Know Coordinator

Mark S. Pare

Solid Waste Recycling Board

Marcia Mavrides	2008
Philip Regnier (resigned 4/08)	2008
David G. Cyr	2009
Jonathan Firth	2009
Donald Lincoln (resigned 7/08)	2009
Rebecca Ricci	2009
Augustus J. Stergis	2009

Survey Board

James McMorrow	2008
Glen Pisani	2009

Ad Hoc Sweatt Fund Advisory Committee

Joyce Baldyga	2009
Marion Cafferky	2009
Mary Geromini	2009
William H. Jones	2009
Jean-Pierre Rodgers	2009

Technical Review Committee

Joseph Collamati	2008
Richard J. Gillespie	2008
James McMorrow	2008
James Anderson	2009
Barry Kassler	2009
Patrick Moore	2009
Ravindra Nadkarni	2009
Irving A. Priest III	2009
Nicholas Tobichuk, Jr.	2009

Town Common Landscape Memorial

Jennifer N. Firth	2008
George A. Labonte	2008
Aline Cannon	2009
Michael Chwalek	2009
Maureen Kean	2009
Kathleen McDonald	2009
Douglas H. McDuff	2009
Tannus Pearson	2009
Rebecca Zitomer	2009

Town Web Site Committee

James L. Fitzgibbon (resigned 3/08)	2008
Neal Henderson (resigned 11/07)	2008
William J. Alexander	2009
Lisa Saulnier	2009

Tri-County School Committee

Victor KnustGraichen	2009
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Veteran's Services and Benefits Officer

Fredric Cross	2009
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MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Capital Budget Planning Committee

William Arnold (resigned)	2008
Kim Carr	2008
Robert Cannon	2009
Bob Cohen	2009
Jennifer N. Firth	2009
John McFeeley	2009
Maureen Osolnik	2009
Michelle Rouse	2009
Jean Sarno	2009
Clare Sullivan	2009
Barry L. Yeaw (retired)	2009

Finance Committee

Susan Mello-Szekely (resigned)	2008
Mark E. Keilen	2009
Patricia Kost	2009
Arthur J. Robison	2009
Jerome McGovern	2010
Jeffrey Saviano	2010
Kelly E. William	2011

General By-Law Review Committee

Suzanne S. Bove (resigned)	2008
Joseph Collamati (retired)	2008
George A. Labonte (resigned)	2008
Stephen J. Langley (resigned)	2008
Robert H. Morrill (retired)	2008
Robert J. Reardon (resigned)	2008
James Anderson	2009
Kenneth Arnold	2009
Bob J. Cohen	2009
Marc Fandetti	2009
Edward Goddard	2009
Marjorie Immonen	2009
Walter Mahla	2009
John Manchester	2009
Carol A. Mollica	2009
Mark Pare	2009
Irving A. Priest	2009
Nicholas P. Tobichuk, Jr.	2009
John M. Zizza	2009

Host Community Committee

Joseph Collamati (retired)	2008
George A. Labonte (resigned)	2008
Ann Natalizia	2008
Robert J. Reardon (resigned)	2008
James Anderson	2009
Bob J. Cohen	2009
Mary Dunn	2009
David Eichelberger	2009
Jennifer N. Firth	2009
Edward Goddard	2009
Stephen Langley	2009
John Manchester	2009
Jeffrey Marsden	2009
Gary Martin	2009
John McFeeley	2009
Jerome McGovern	2009
Dan Mclsaac	2009
James McMorrow	2009
Carol A. Mollica	2009
Mark Pare	2009
Peter W. Preston	2009
Irving A. Priest	2009
Jeffrey Robison	2009
Jean Sarno	2009
Nicholas Tobichuk, Jr.	2009
Sam Williams	2009
John Zizza	2009

Old Fiske Library/Museum Gallery Committee

Nicholas Tobichuk III (resigned)	2008
Marion Cafferky	2009
Mary Dunn	2009
Jeffrey Hall	2009
Marcia Marinelli	2009
Gail Pratt	2009
Gregory Stahl	2009
Augustus J. Stergis	2009
Nicholas Tobichuk, Jr.	2009

Stormwater Management Review Committee

Howard W. Bailey	2009
Edward J. Goddard	2009
Marjorie A. Immonen	2009
Robert G. Leclair	2009
John J. Manchester	2009
Ravindra Nadkarni	2009
Gail L. Pratt	2009
Edward W. Skinner, Jr.	2009
Christopher D. Yarworth	2009

Personnel Board

Appointed by Moderator, Selectmen Chairman & FinCom Chairman

Catherine M. Calicchia	2008
Daniel S. O'Connor	2008
Christopher Anasoulis (resigned 10/06)	2009
Timothy A. Elliott	2009
Elizabeth Valerio	2009
Paul R. Bender	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Leon Bruner	Milk Collector & Inspector	2008
William R. Domey, PE	Const. Eng./Agent Ins. Septic	2008
Richard J. Gillespie	Agent	2008
Ravindra Nadkarni	Milk Collector & Inspector	2008
Susan Thibedeau	Inspector of Animals	2008
Nicholas Tobichuk	Milk Collector & Inspector	2008
Muriel Guenthner	Burial Agent	2008
Carol Mollica	Burial Agent	2008
Ellen Robertson	Burial Agent	2008
Richard Ross	Burial Agent	2008

BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Donald Jordan, Mech. Insp.	2009
Robert Larmey, Asst. Plumb./Gas Insp.	2009
Edward Rose, Asst. Plumb./Gas Insp.	2009
Carl Schwalbe, Chief Plumb./Gas Insp. (deceased)	2009
William St. Francis, Wire Inspector	2009
Nicholas Tobichuk, Jr., Sign Inspector	2009
Richard L. Bishop, Asst. Bldg. Insp.	2011
Gerard Smolinsky, Plumb./Gas Insp.	2011
David Wiklund, Asst. Wiring Insp.	2011
William Casbarra, Alt. Insp. Bldg.	2011
Nicholas Tobichuk, Jr., Building Inspector/Zoning Officer	

***Elected Offices**

In Memoriam

JOAN V. EMBREE

Born May 30, 1935 – Boston, MA
Died August 2, 2007 – Wrentham, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Town Clerk 1986-1995
Board of Health Agent 1986-1995
Bylaw Study Committee 1986-1989
Microfilm Study Committee 1986-1988
Board of Registrars 1986-1995
Ad Hoc Comm. to Review Structure of Town Government 1990-1991
Ad Hoc Town Computer Committee 1993-1995

ESTHER DAVIS ANDERSON

Born July 13, 1915 - Boston, MA
Died September 15, 2007 – Wrentham, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Envir. Prot. Advisory Committee 1994-1999
Cable TV Advisory Committee 1993-1995

FREDERICK P. HEINZ

Born October 30, 1923 - Boston, MA
Died March 2, 2008 - Hyannis, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Police Officer

ROBERT J. FULLER

Born January 11, 1957 – Pawtucket, RI
Died October 19, 2007 - Milford, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Dispatcher 1983-1986

JERAULD E. “JERRY” JILLSON

Born October 6, 1936 – Providence, RI
Died April 16, 2008 - Foxboro, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Special Policeman 1981
Patrolman 1982-1995

BERNARD J. DOYLE, JR.

Born November 10, 1930 - Ware, MA
Died March 2, 2008 - Norwood, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Planning Board 2003-2005
Finance Committee
Direction Committee 2004-2005

CARL W. SCHWALBE

Born April 8, 1937 – Franklin, MA
Died May 7, 2008 - Milford, MA
Served the Town faithfully:
Gas/Plumbing Inspector 1981-2008
Council on Aging 2004-2007
Marra Property Adv. Committee 2005-2008
Permanent Building Committee 2005-2008
Historical Commission 1990-1994

LANDON “GREM” FERRIS

Born January 25, 1936 – Providence, RI
Died May 8, 2008 – Woonsocket, RI
Served the Town faithfully:
DPW Water Department 1990-2003
Employee Insurance Advisory Committee 2000-2002

Births, Marriages, and Deaths Recorded in the Town of Wrentham, Massachusetts

	Fiscal Year 07	Fiscal Year 08
Births	102	94
Marriages	39	47
Deaths	152	130

Miscellaneous Items Purchased at the Office of the Town Clerk

	Fiscal Year 07	Fiscal Year 08
Birth Certificates	327	254
Marriage Certificates	95	92
Death Certificates	715	655
Burial Permits	62	91
Zoning Regulation	74	22
Zoning Maps	30	17
Subdivision Regulations	15	6
Persons Listed Books	27	11
Business Certificates	73	44
Pole Locations	2	0
Raffle Permits	7	6
Inflammable Permits	12	12
Dog Licenses	1409	1363
Dog Late Fine	110	75
Dog Citations	62	65
Kennel Licenses	7	5
Fish & Wildlife		
Fishing Licenses	120	153
Hunting Licenses	12	13
Sporting Licenses	30	34
Waterfowl, Archery, and Primitive Stamps	29	32
Conservation Fine	0	0

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting - November 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Moderator Keith Billian at the King Philip Regional High School. There were 268 voters in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Joseph Collamati. The Moderator mentioned that this was the last Town Meeting with Chief Collamati, as he is retiring on Saturday November 17, 2007.

A motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the warrant.

Tellers appointed for the evening were: Gerard Aube, James Dunn, Leo Immonen, and George Smith.

The Moderator recognized Acting Fire Chief James McMorrow, who commended 17 year old Eagle Scout Jeff Doughty of MacDougald Dr. for responding in an emergency situation by saving the life Carl Gundersen of Autumn Rd. Senator Scott Brown and State Rep. Richard Ross also congratulated Jeff for using the life saving skills that he learned as an Eagle Scout, and presented him with Citations.

At this point, the Moderator recognized Selectman George Labonte who presented a Plaque and Citation to Chief Collamati. It was mentioned that Chief Collamati is Wrentham's third Chief in 53 years.

Article 1 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the following sums to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2008 operating budgets:

Council of Aging – Personnel	\$5,480
Communications – Personnel	\$4,000
Library – Expenses	\$1,870
Public Health – Expenses	\$1,692

Passed.

Article 2 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts the sum of \$989.47 to pay for Fiscal Year 2007 unpaid bills as follows:

Central Motors – Expenses	\$54.00	Allied Auto Parts
Water Department – Expenses	\$372.42	Pollard Water
Conservation – Expenses	\$65.63	Ben Bembenek
Conservation – Expenses	\$497.42	The Sun Chronicle

and to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$2672.30 to pay for Fiscal Year 2007 unpaid bill as follows:

Legal – Expenses	\$2672.30	Anderson & Kreiger
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Passed – Unanimous.

Article 3 – Voted that the Town appropriate as follows for capital projects:

- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$31,000 and from the Revolving Fund for Police Vehicles the sum of \$11,136.50 and from amounts previously appropriated under Article 5 of the January 22, 2007 Special Town Meeting the sum of \$19,863.50 for the purchase and replacement of two (2) marked police cruisers, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$18,000 for repairs to the Fire Department's Squad #2 Brush Truck, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from the Fire Department Ambulance Fund the sum of \$18,750 for the purchase of eight defibrillators, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$32,000 for the purchase and replacement of the Fire Chief's car (Car #1), said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$27,000 for the removal of old carpet and replacement with vinyl tile at the Roderick Elementary School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Wrentham School Committee;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$37,697 to fund Wrentham's share of the King Philip Regional School District's capital plan, said sum to be expended under the direction of the King Philip Regional School District's School Committee;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$100,000 to fund the engineering, construction and repair of road infrastructure projects said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$24,800 to fund the purchase of an ASV RC-20 snowplow, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$53,700 to fund the purchase of a heavy duty Ford 550 to replace DPW truck #7, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$45,000 to fund the repair and replacement of drainage structures within Town Rights-of-Way, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from the Water Capital account the sum of \$60,000 to replace a 1998 Water Department van, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;
- from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Fund the sum of \$9,855 to purchase a John Deere Tractor, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen;

- from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$21,000 to fund an engineering study for the purchase and installation of two, two-way radio communications towers, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; *

and to indefinitely postpone Painting and Repair of Water Tank #2 on Knuckup Hill.

*Walter G. Mahla made a motion to amend Article 3 as follows:

Move to amend Article 3 by striking that part which reads,

“from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$21,000 to fund an engineering study for the purchase and installation of two, two-way radio communications towers, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.”

to read,

“from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$60,000 to fund the purchase and installation of a radio communications tower, including but not limited to an antenna, tapered monopole, repeater links, housing and other equipment for remote Police, Fire and Public Safety communications capability at the water tower site off Rhodes Drive, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.”

Mr. Mahla then presented a video presentation. After much discussion a vote was taken to amend Article 3. – Passed.

A vote was then taken to accept Article 3 as amended. – Passed.

Article 4 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$2402.42 to return to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 5 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from the Fire Department Ambulance Fund, the sum of \$4,292.64 for repayment of ALS services to the Town of Norfolk, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 6 – Voted that the Town accept by local option, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, Subclause ©, in part, to change the allowable asset requirement for Seniors 70 and older from \$28,000 for a single person to \$40,000 and from \$30,000 for a couple to \$50,000. Passed.

Article 7 – Voted that The Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,000 to fund the overlay surplus for the Senior Tax Workoff Program. Passed.

Article 8 – Voted that the Town amend the interest rate per annum from 8% to 4% under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, which regulates tax deferral for homeowners 65 years or older, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005 of the General Court thereby amending said M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A. Passed.

Article 9 – Voted that the Town approve the amended Article 2 of the Town By-Laws in its entirety as attached to the warrant. Passed. (attached to these minutes)

The Moderator asked if the rules could be suspended for Article 10 as the motion was not received by the Town Clerk today by 12 pm. Unanimous.

Article 10 – Voted that the Town amend Article 2, Section 8 of the Town By-Laws as follows:

Revise Paragraph A to read as follows:

A. There is hereby established a committee to be known as the Cable Advisory Committee, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, consisting of five (5) voting members and one (1) non-voting-liaison from the Board of Selectmen, as follows: one (1) member representing the Wrentham School Committee, one (1) member representing the King Philip Regional School Committee, one (1) member nominated by and to represent Wrentham Cable Access Corporation, and two (2) members at large, each of whom shall be a subscriber to the local cable network. No person shall be disqualified from serving as a member at large by reason of being a member of Wrentham Cable Access Corporation, provided that he or she is not an officer or director of said corporation.

Revise Paragraph C to read as follows:

C. The terms of membership of the Cable Advisory Committee shall be for three (3) fiscal years and shall terminate on June 30 of the third fiscal year. The term for only one (1) member shall expire in every fiscal year divisible by three (3). The terms for two (2) members shall expire in each of the other two (2) fiscal years. In the event that any member or appointee fails to serve their entire term, their successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of that term. Passed.

Article 11 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$271 to fund the replacement of a barcode scanner for the Fiske Public Library, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Library Board of Trustees. Passed.

Article 12 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$499 to fund the replacement of the security system recorder for the Fiske Public Library, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Library Board of Trustees. Passed.

Article 13 – Voted that the Town appropriate from the funds granted to the Town pursuant to Chapter 291D of the Acts of 2004, commonly referred to as “Chapter 90 Funds”, the sum of \$390,000 as certified by the Department of Revenue, to the Highway Department Fund for purposes of doing state approved road projects, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 14 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$14,975 to sand and paint vehicles from the Department of Public Works, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 15 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,943 to purchase replacement tires for the 1993 Cat Loader utilized by the Department of Public Works, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 16 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$20,000 to fund the repair and replacement of sidewalks within Town Rights-of-Way, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 17 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (repaint DPW)

Article 18 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$10,000 to supplement the municipal buildings insurance fund article as defined by Chapter 40, Section 13. Passed.

Article 19 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$1,000 to fund the Fire and Police Retiree prescription co-pays, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 20 – Voted that the Town amend the Personnel By-Laws and Salary Schedule for the FY2008 Salary Range as follows:

Title	Minimum	Maximum
Police Lieutenant	\$68,000	\$78,000
Departmental Secretary	\$10.00 per hour	\$15.55 per hour
Dispatcher	\$15.37 per hour	\$18.37 per hour
and		
Special Police Officer	\$19.48 per hour	
Permanent Intermittent Officer	\$19.48 per hour	
Matron	\$18.76 per hour	

Passed.

Article 21 - Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$6,000 to be used for site cleanup at the former Marra Property, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 22 - Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (town sell land)

Article 23 – Voted that the Town grant the Board of Selectmen permission to sell surplus personal property or materials of the Town (including earth material severed from the ground during construction at the William Rice Recreational Complex, but no other earth material), and exclusive of buildings and land, in the best interests of the Town. Passed.

Article 24 – Voted that the Town accept as a public way, a street identified as Earle Stewart Lane as shown on a plan entitled, “Acceptance Plan and As-Built Plan of Earle Stewart Lane, Sta. 0+00.00 to Sta. 4+85.25, Eastside Meadow Subdivision in Wrentham, Mass.”, prepared by Landmark Engineering of New England, Inc., dated 6 July 2007 and revised 9/6/07. Passed.

Article 25 – Voted that the Town accept as public ways, streets identified as Hales Pond Lane and Whipple Brook Road as shown on plans entitled, “As-Built Plan of Hales Pond Lane, Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 6+00, Whipple Estates in Wrentham, Mass.”, prepared by Landmark Engineering of New England, Inc., dated 16 October 2007, and “As-Built Plan of Whipple Brook Road, Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 6+50, Whipple Estates in Wrentham, Mass.”, prepared by Landmark Engineering of New England, Inc., dated 16 October 2007, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, MA. Passed.

Article 26 – Voted that the Town accept as public ways, streets identified as Rhodes Drive and Manchester Drive as shown on plans entitled, “Final Roadway As-Built for Kings Grant Estates, West Street, Wrentham, Massachusetts” prepared by Commonwealth Engineers and Consultants, Inc., dated “10/5/07”, Manchester (Road A) Drive Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 19+73 and Rhodes (Road B) Drive Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 8+50, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, MA. Passed.

Article 27 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action of this article. Passed. (weed control – Lake Pearl)

Article 28 – To see if the Town will indefinitely postpone action on this article. Discussion. A new motion was presented by Sgt. William McGrath as follows:

Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a “Home Rule” Petition with the General Court seeking a Special Act to allow the Town to retain a Police Chief past the mandatory retirement age specified in G.L. C.32, S 5(1), and to authorize the Legislature to vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition. Failed.

Article 29 – Voted that the Town revise Article 8 of the General Bylaws (Licenses/Junk – Section 2) by changing the hours of operation to read, “shall be closed between the hours of 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM...” Passed.

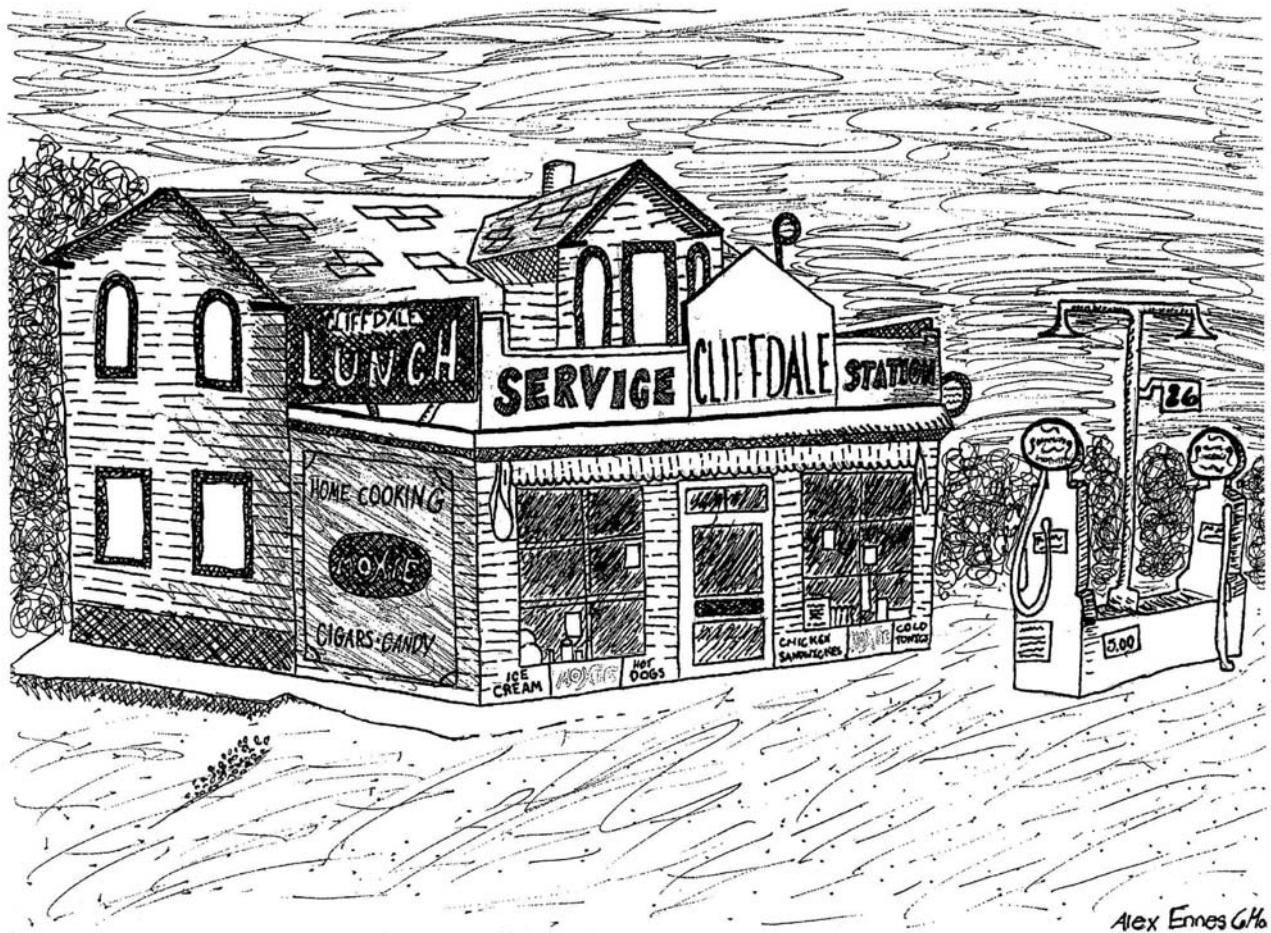
Article 30 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (Animal Control)

Article 31 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (Group Health Ins.)

Article 32 – Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,700 to the Town’s Stabilization Reserve. Unanimous.

A motion was made and voted to adjourn sine die at 9:45 PM by Ravindra Nadkarni. Passed.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk



This illustration drawn by Alex Ennes, Grade 6, Roderick Elementary School

Minutes of the Presidential Primary Election - February 5, 2008

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Warden Mary Geromini. There were 13 voters standing in line to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, instructions to voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and a zero tabulation were posted.

Workers were sworn in and reminded that only people registered in a party or registered as unenrolled could vote. Political designations are not allowed to vote.

Election workers were as follows:

Precinct 1 IN – Joseph Cassidy, Linda Nolan; OUT – Dorothy Reynolds, Joanne Dolan
Precinct 2 IN – Marylou Barton, Melvin Gouthro; OUT – Pat Bogardus, Susan Martisius
Precinct 3 IN – Lynn Hallion, Mary Kehrmeyer; OUT – Marion Cafferky, Ed Martisius.

Volunteers who helped set up equipment, take down equipment, relieve checkers, tabulate, and help with write-in votes were Scouts of Troop 131 and leaders, Ozzie Burgenholtz, Frank Mollica, Chris Mollica, and Lynn Mollica.

Officers on duty in the AM were: Sgt. Robillard, Officer Smith, and Officer Ellis. In the PM, on duty were Officer Labonte (till closing), Lt. Anderson, and Sgt. McGrath.

The ballot boxes were opened by Warden Mary Geromini with Sgt. Robillard observing. The boxes proved to be empty and the zero tabulation was run and posted. The keys were handed over to Sgt. Robillard.

The turnout was quite steady with 194 voters having cast their ballots by 8:00 AM. As of 2/5/08, there were 7,233 registered voters in Wrentham.

At 8:15 AM the HAVA handicap voting machine was used by two voters without any problems.

At 9:00 AM a voter (name in written notes) attempted to cast a ballot in a party that he was not registered in. He was told he could not do this and had to take a ballot for his present party and could change to another party or unenrolled after voting. He refused to do this and refused to change his affiliation.

A short time later a voter of the former Libertarian party attempted to vote as a Libertarian. (name in notes) He was told that he could not vote as a Libertarian as that is no longer a party; it is now a political designation. Unfortunately, there were several voters in the same situation. The former Libertarian party, and also the State, never notified these voters of the change from party to designation. This voter also did not want to change his affiliation.

At 1:20 a voter came in and mentioned that she could not read the ballots. She was shown how to use the HAVA voting machine and was quite pleased with the ease of voting with this unit. The HAVA voting machine, mandated by the State for all communities, is very adaptable to all handicapped voters and is quite useful also to those who simply forget to bring their glasses to the polls.

There were three voters who were sure they had registered to vote, but their names were not on the voting list. They were given the opportunity to vote by provisional ballot. They did so, and after research by Boston and the RMV, two proved to have registered but their information did not follow through the system. After receiving this information, the two voters were informed that their votes did indeed count, and the third voter was informed that she was never registered. The Clerk is noting for these minutes that occasionally when a person fills out the paperwork at the RMV for a new or renewed license, that person has the opportunity to register to vote at the same time. It is a confusing procedure and often the person does not actually register or, in some cases, the registration may come through as a duplicate. It is the opinion of the MTCA (Mass. Town Clerks Assoc.) that the RMV needs to be more informed and helpful about the registration process.

Turnout continued heavy throughout the day, especially from 4:00 PM on. The biggest problem during the entire day was the misunderstanding by the voters of the primary process. Many voters, as reported by clerks throughout the Commonwealth, wanted an "independent" ballot. In a primary election, voters have to take a party ballot. Some voters also complained that they did not want the teller to know which ballot they were taking. The teller needs to hand a party ballot to each voter; therefore, needs to know which party the voter wants. The information is also written on the voting list. The reason for this is that the information for each voter is scanned into the State computer. Each voter has an election history and even if the voter moves within State, the information will follow the voter. It is important to note and realize that no person, except the voter, knows how the voter actually marks the ballot.

At 8:00 PM Warden Geromini closed the polls and the computers were programmed for tabulation. Tellers worked on reconciling their books. The equipment was taken down and volunteers helped reconcile and record write-in votes. Results, not including the write-in votes, were ready by 8:30 PM. Write-ins were ready by approximately 9:30 PM.

There were three provisional ballots, 11 spoiled ballots, and a total of 62 Affirmations. At 8:00 PM, a total of 3,239 voters cast their ballots, or 45%.

All materials were returned to Town Hall at 9:45 PM. Results were posted at the Town Hall and given to the Public Safety dispatcher.

The Town Clerk would like to thank all the poll workers, scouts of Troop 131, and volunteers who worked at this election and did a great job to make this election run very smoothly.

Attest: _____
Carol A. Mollica, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

Results:

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION				
5-Feb-08				
Official Results - Amended				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
DEMOCRAT				
President				
John R. Edwards	9	6	11	26
Hillary Clinton	303	375	323	1001
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	2	1	4	7
Christopher J. Dodd	0	0	1	1
Mike Gravel	0	1	0	1
Barack Obama	211	271	223	705
Dennis J. Kucinich	1	0	1	2
Bill Richardson	2	1	0	3
No Preference	1	4	5	10
Write-Ins	1	1	2	4
Blanks	0	4	3	7
Total	530	664	573	1767
State Committee Man				
Walter F. McDonough	334	415	381	1130
Write-Ins	7	3	1	11
Blanks	189	246	191	626
Total	530	664	573	1767
State Committee Woman				
Ellen L. Parker	357	429	381	1167
Write-Ins	2	1	1	4
Blanks	171	234	191	596
Total	530	664	573	1767
Town Committee				
Write-Ins	72	57	222	351
Blanks	18478	23183	19833	61494
Total	18550	23240	20055	61845

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION				
5-Feb-08				
Official Results - Amended				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
REPUBLICAN				
President				
John McCain	165	244	165	574
Fred Thompson	0	2	0	2
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0	0
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0	0
Mike Huckabee	20	11	15	46
Mitt Romney	236	348	218	802
Ron Paul	8	14	13	35
Rudy Giuliani	5	1	1	7
No Preference	0	2	0	2
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	0	1	0	1
Total	434	623	413	1470
State Committee Man				
Gregory M. Casey	268	390	243	901
Write-Ins	2	3	3	6
Blanks	164	230	167	561
Total	434	623	413	1470
State Committee Woman				
Debra R. Tucker	268	397	243	908
Write-Ins	2	1	2	5
Blanks	164	225	168	557
Total	434	623	413	1470
Town Committee				
Write-Ins	9	14	7	30
Blanks	15181	21791	14448	51420
Total	15190	21805	14455	51450

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION				
5-Feb-08				
Official Results - Amended				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
GREEN RAINBOW				
President				
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	0	2	1	3
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0
Kat Swift	0	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	1	3
State Committee Man				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	1	3
Total	0	2	1	3
State Committee Woman				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	1	3
Total	0	2	1	3
Town Committee				
Write-Ins	0	2	0	2
Blanks	0	18	10	28
Total	0	20	10	30

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION				
5-Feb-08				
Official Results - Amended				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
WORKING FAMILIES				
President				
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
State Committee Man				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
State Committee Woman				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Town Committee				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
TOTAL VOTES	964	1289	987	3240

Minutes of the Annual Town Election - April 7, 2008

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Deputy Warden Marylou Barton. There were eight voters standing in line to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, Instructions to Voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and a zero tabulation were posted.

Workers were sworn in and reminded about Inactive voters. A large number of inactive voters were expected as the census had just been shut down. Voters who had not returned their census were automatically inactivated.

Election workers were as follows:

Precinct 1 IN – Marge Harrington, Joanne Dolan; OUT – Joyce Baldyga, Donald Vaillancourt
Precinct 2 IN – Marylou Barton; OUT – Melvin Gouthro, Gail Pratt
Precinct 3 IN – Lynn Hallion, Jeannette Vaillancourt; OUT – Sue Martisius, Ed Martisius

The Boy Scouts and leaders of Troop 131 volunteered for take down of the equipment after the election. They were: Kyle Donegan, Kyle Kebler, Michael Selling, Steven Ketchum, Douglas Courtot, CJ Pierce, Michael Plantamura, Gordon Winget, Les Slamin, Brock Duvarney, Cody Carneiro, Alex Palango, Sean Turner, Peter Charpentier, Zack Jones, and James Tunno. Leaders were: Vernon Palango, Bill Kebler, Maurice Donegan, and Donna Tunno. Their help was very much appreciated by the Town Clerk, and we look forward to their help in the future and are happy that the Town can help with their community service.

Officers on duty in the AM were: Sgt. Michael Robillard, Officer Chris Cowley, and Officer Leo Ethier. In the PM, on duty were Sgt. Robillard, Officer Fred True, Officer Steven Saulnier, and Sgt. William McGrath.

The ballot boxes were opened by Deputy Warden Marylou Barton with Sgt. Robillard observing. The boxes were empty. A zero tabulation was run and posted. The keys were handed over to Sgt. Robillard.

Voter turnout began very slowly. By 8:00 AM, only 76 voters had cast their ballots. It continued on the slow side until mid-afternoon. As usual, the turnout picked up during the late afternoon and into the early evening.

There were many “Affirmations of Current and Continuous Residence for Inactive Voters.” This paperwork had to be filled out by those voters who had not returned their census. They would then become Active. By not returning a census, it appears as if the voter had moved out of town, and the State automatically inactivates the voter. After two State elections with no action, the voter is automatically deleted.

The voting machines ran very well. Occasionally a ballot had to be reinserted before it was accepted. A large number of ballots were kicked back because of being overvoted. The majority of these voters had overvoted the race for Selectman, having voted for two or three candidates instead of one. They were given the chance to override the ballot or spoil the ballot and mark a new one.

The handicap accessible voting machine (HAVA machine) was not used by any voter. It is available to all voters, not just the handicapped.

At 8:00 PM Deputy Warden Barton closed the polls, with no voter waiting in line, and the computers were programmed for tabulation. Tellers worked on reconciling their books. The equipment was taken down by the Scouts and other volunteers helped with the write-in votes. Results, excluding the write-ins, were ready by approximately 8:45 PM. The Town Clerk read the results to those present.

There were no provisional ballots cast, as those that needed to show an ID either had it available or came back with it rather than fill out the paperwork for the provisional ballot. There were 11 spoiled ballots in Precinct 1, 11 in Precinct 2, and 9 in Precinct 3. In Precinct 1, there were 47 Affirmations, Precinct 2 had 50 Affirmations, and Precinct 3 had 40 Affirmations. At 8:00 PM, a total of 1,537 voters cast their ballots. That was approximately 21% of the total registered voters.

All materials were returned to Town Hall at 10:00 PM. Results were posted at the Town Hall and also given to the Public Safety dispatcher.

The Town Clerk thanks all the poll workers, Boy Scouts of Troop 131, and all volunteers who worked at this election. Without their help, the election would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Results of the election:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION					
April 7, 2008					
Official Results					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3		Total
Moderator (1) for 1 Yr.					
Keith S. Billian	367	447	364		1178
Blanks	130	127	91		348
Write-ins	3	4	4		11
Total	500	578	459		1537
Selectman (1) for 3 Yrs.					
Kenneth E. Arnold	182	238	154		574
Bob J. Cohen	189	234	188		611
George R. Smith, Jr.	106	90	102		298
Blanks	22	15	15		52
Write-Ins	1	1	0		2
Total	500	578	459		1537
Assessor (1) for 3 Yrs.					
Thomas DiPlacido, Jr.	298	364	307		969
Blanks	192	204	145		541
Write-Ins	10	10	7		27
Total	500	578	459		1537
Assessor (1) for 1 Yr.					
Irene Levesque	348	417	337		1102
Blanks	151	155	121		427
Write-Ins	1	6	1		8
Total	500	578	459		1537
Board of Health (1) for 3 Yrs.					
Marion E. Cafferky	336	379	326		1041
Blanks	158	183	127		468
Write-Ins	6	16	6		28
Total	500	578	459		1537

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION					
April 7, 2008					
Official Results					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3		Total
Planning Board (2) for 3 Yrs.					
Patrick J. Moore	225	318	254		797
Glen D. Pisani	246	321	267		834
Steven P. Marian	253	251	194		698
John M. Zizza	224	210	166		600
Blanks	52	54	37		143
Write-Ins	0	2	0		2
Total	1000	1156	918		3074
Fiske Public Library Trustee (2) for 3 Yrs.					
Nancy M. Howes	334	398	342		1074
Vacancy	0	0	0		0
Blanks	650	730	559		1939
Write-Ins	16	28	17		61
Total	1000	1156	918		3074
Fiske Public Library Trustee (1) for 2 Yrs.					
Julie L. Mollica	349	418	353		1120
Blanks	149	154	105		408
Write-Ins	2	6	1		9
Total	500	578	459		1537
Wrentham School Committee (2) for 3 Yrs.					
Jaime L. Bender	308	383	321		1012
Deborah Bello Webster	298	374	313		985
Blanks	393	398	284		1075
Write-Ins	1	1	0		2
Total	1000	1156	918		3074
King Philip School Committee (1) for 1 Yr.					
Margaret A. Billian	328	405	343		1076
Blanks	170	169	114		453
Write-Ins	2	4	2		8
Total	500	578	459		1537

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION					
April 7, 2008					
Official Results					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3		Total
Wrentham Housing Authority (1) for 5 Yrs.					
Robert H. Morrill	344	416	355		1115
Blanks	153	161	102		416
Write-Ins	3	1	2		6
Total	500	578	459		1537
Notes:					
Boldface - denotes candidate elected to office					
Write-In winner for 3-yr Fiske Library Trustee vacancy is Diane G. Rook, 1170 West St.					

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting - April 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:32 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Ed Crickard, George Smith, Ralph Poirier, Gerald Aube, and alternate Joe Heck. Also an alternate Moderator was appointed – Leo Immonen.

Motion to waive the reading of the warrant. Passed.

It was announced that the adjourned portion of the Annual Town Meeting would convene on June 16, 2008 at the same location.

The Color Guard of Troop 131 posted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator recognized Susan Mello-Szekely who had recently retired after 15 years on the Finance Committee, of which the last eight years were as Chairman. The new Chairman, Jerry McGovern, was introduced.

Congratulations were given to former Assistant Town Clerk Ellen Robertson who was recently elected Town Clerk of Plainville.

Selectman Ed Goddard recognized George Labonte, retired from the Board of Selectmen, and thanked him for his many years of service.

Bob Cohen was introduced as the newly elected Selectman.

The Moderator announced his new, yearly appointments.

Article 1 – Voted that the Town vote to accept the Town Annual Report for calendar year 2007. Passed.

Article 2 – Voted that the Town table articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 14. Unanimous. (financial articles)

Article 6 – Voted that the Town reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 54E § ½, sixth paragraph, subject to the following limits on expenditures regarding each such account in Fiscal Year 2009:

- Police Department – Vehicle Revolving Account – Limit \$50,000
- Police Department – DARE Camp Funds (fees) – Limit \$50,000
- Police Department – Fire Arms Licensing – Limit \$10,000
- Planning Department – Earth Removal Revolving Fund – Limit \$25,000
- Conservation Commission – Wetlands Revolving Account – Limit \$10,000
- Recycling Committee – Revolving Account – Composting Program, Recycle Bins, Trash Barrels, Kitchen Scrap Buckets, Water Barrels – Limit \$10,000
- Arts and Antique Committee – Revolving Account – Limit \$20,000.

Motion passed.

Article 8 – Voted that the Town refer to the Wrentham General By-law Review Committee a request to draft and submit to a future town meeting a new general by-law under Article 3A, that would require the town administrator to notify the local media including but not limited to local newspapers and Wrentham Cable Access of any non-regularly scheduled Selectmen's meetings and supply them with the agenda for said meeting at least 24 hours prior to such meeting taking place.

This article was presented by a Citizens' Petition. Keith Billian read aloud emails concerning this topic. A few citizens spoke in favor of this article. One voter questioned the 24 hours – Mr. Billian replied that the Committee would look at this and recommend.

Motion passed.

Article 9 – Voted that the Town authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials in the best interest of the Town. Passed.

Article 10 – Voted to grant the Board of Selectmen permission to sell surplus property or materials of the Town, exclusive of buildings and land, no longer needed by the Town. Passed.

Article 11 – Voted to lay on the table Article 11, to be considered on June 16th, at the continuation of Town Meeting. Unanimous.

Article 12 – To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wrentham By-laws by adding a new article entitled, "Stormwater Management", or take any other action relative thereto. A green copy of the amendment was available to replace the attachment to the warrant. The new attachment was ruled within the scope of the warrant.

Town Counsel explained the article as well as Ravindra Nadkarni. Mr. Nadkarni also presented a slide show.

Pat Moore spoke against the article as he said most of it was duplication, and the Planning Board had not seen it yet. Leo Immonen stated there were two typo errors.

Ken Dooley: Move to indefinitely postpone Article 12. Sen. Scott Brown recommends postponing.

Marcia Mavrides recommended passing the article.

Motion: Move the question (indefinite postponement). Passed.

Vote on indefinite postponement motion: Yes 107, No 79. Passed to postpone.

Article 13 – Voted that the Town accept and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds certified at \$317,783 by the Commonwealth, upon the passage of the Transportation Bond Bill, for the construction, reconstruction, or improvements of public roads and other improvements within the Town, as requested by the Selectmen, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow or bond, pursuant to any applicable statute in anticipation of reimbursement. Passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM to June 16, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the King Philip High School auditorium. Passed.

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting - April 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Ed Crickard, George Smith, Ralph Poirier, Gerald Aube, and alternate Joe Heck. Also an alternate Moderator was appointed – Leo Immonen.

Motion to waive the reading of the warrant. Passed.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:32 PM to open the Annual Town Meeting.

The Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:53 PM.

A vote was taken and passed to take Article 3 out of order.

Article 3 – Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Surplus Account the sum of \$116,909.00 to repay a Statehouse Note. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed.

Article 1 – Voted that the Town appropriate as follows to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2008 operating budgets:

From unappropriated funds in the treasury a sum of money to the following:

Snow and Ice	\$246,120.08
Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 12,500.00
Municipal Insurance Fund	\$ 10,000.00

And to vote to appropriate from the Water Surplus Account the following sum to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget:

Debt Service Account	\$9,130.00
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Motion passed.

Article 2 – Voted that the Town transfer from the Board of Health Salary Account the sum of \$900.00 to the Board of Health Expenses Account. Passed.

Article 4 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$25,000.00 to comply with a mediation agreement. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

This motion involved a mediation agreement with a former Town Planner, and this amount is the Town's share.

A motion was made by Ken Dooley to indefinitely postpone Article 4. Discussion.

A motion was then made by Ed Goddard to move the question (ind. p.p.). Unanimous.

The vote was then taken on indefinite postponement. Failed.

The vote on the main motion was then taken. Motion passed.

Article 5 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 to fund the milfoil and tapegrass aquatic weed control program at Lake Pearl. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Passed. (no discussion)

Article 6 – Move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$67,601.00 to add to what was previously voted under Article 3 of the November 13, 2007 Special Town Meeting for a public safety communications tower. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

This article involved a considerable amount of discussion both for and against the tower.

A motion was made by Bob Cohen to indefinitely postpone this article. Discussion on this motion.

A motion was then made to move the question (ind. p.p.) by Ravindra Nadkarni. Passed.

The vote was taken on the indefinite postponement. A count was taken and the motion failed.

The next motion was to move the question (main motion) by Jennifer Firth. A count was taken and needing a 2/3 vote, the motion failed.

Article 6 was still on the floor and being discussed.

Finally, after all discussion was finished, a vote was taken on Article 6 and the motion PASSED.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting sine die at 10:28 PM.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting - June 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

The Moderator explained that there would be two meetings: the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting.

This was the first town meeting to use a powerpoint presentation showing all articles as they were being presented. This was coordinated and developed by Town Administrator Jack McFeeley and his assistant, Cynthia Thompson.

Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Dennis Loughlin, Leo Immonen, Patrick Loughlin, and Gerry Aube.

Motion to waive the reading of the warrant. Passed.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:35 PM to open the Annual Town Meeting. The Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.

Article 1 – Voted that the Town appropriate as follows to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2008 operating budgets:

From unappropriated funds in the treasury a sum of money to the following:

Finance Department Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
Council on Aging Personnel	2,100.00
Police Department Expenses	8,000.00
Police Department Personnel	2,400.00
Insurance Expenses	185,000.00

And to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account the following sums for the repayment of ALS: to the Town of Walpole the sum of \$220.11, and to the Town of Norfolk the sum of \$6,510.42. Said sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

And to transfer the sums of \$7,591.00 from Public Works Salaries, \$4,746.00 from Finance Department Salaries, and \$3,420.00 from Planning Board Salaries to Municipal Salary accounts as follows for the purpose of funding negotiated raises:

- \$ 314.00 to Appeals Board Salaries
- \$ 397.00 to Selectmen Salaries
- \$ 897.00 to Recreation Salaries
- \$ 1,908.00 to Board of Health Salaries
- \$ 1,916.00 to Council on Aging Salaries
- \$ 1,961.00 to Library Salaries
- \$ 2,070.00 to Communications Salaries
- \$ 2,447.00 to Snow and Ice Salaries
- \$ 3,847.00 to Police Salaries

Motion passed.

Article 2 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone this article. Passed. (supplement FY09 budget)

Article 3 – Voted that the Town transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Council on Aging to pay unpaid salary expenses for FY 2006 and FY 2007. Unanimous.

Article 4 – Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust the sum of \$43,554.00 to the General Fund. Passed.

Article 5 – To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wrentham General By-laws by adding a new article entitled, “Stormwater Management,” as follows: (attachment to the article)

Motion to waive the reading of the article. Passed.

Ravindra Nadkarni explained the article along with a powerpoint presentation. There were many speakers speaking for and against the article.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Jerry McGovern as follows:

Move that Article 5 be referred to a committee appointed by the Moderator to consist of a member of the Board of Health, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, DPW, By-law Committee, and three citizens at large that will report back at the Fall 2008 town meeting regarding what contractual requirements remain from the Weston & Sampson report and what legal ramifications are unmet for Stormwater Management within Wrentham.

After discussion on this article and improving the wording of the article, a motion was made to “Move the question.” This passed unanimous.

A vote was immediately taken on the committee motion. A standing vote was taken: Yes – 50; No – 40. Motion passed.

Article 6 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (zoning definition).

There were 159 voters checked in to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 10:04 PM.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk



This illustration drawn by Nichola Tomasello, Grade 6, Roderick Elementary School

Report of the Town Accountant

In accordance with Chapter 41, section 61, of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

All invoices and payrolls presented during the fiscal year by the various departments were examined for accuracy and legal compliance prior to submission to the Board of Selectmen for approval and the Treasurer for disbursement of funds.

The Treasurer's cash was examined and found to be in order. Notices of the condition of appropriations and accounts were furnished, written and verbal, to the various departments and boards each month during the fiscal year.

A Combined Balance Sheet was submitted to the Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services/Bureau of Accounts for review. In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 23 of the Massachusetts General Laws, "Free Cash" as of July 1, 2008 was certified at \$773,212; an indicator of favorable budget performance for Fiscal Year 2008.

The accounting records of the Town are maintained under the Uniform Municipal Accounting System as promulgated by the Director of Accounts. Selected financial statements follow this narrative. An audit of FY2008 activity is being performed by the firm R.E. Brown & Company. The office is open daily from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., for anyone interested in additional information.

I would like to express my thanks to all Town officials and personnel for the continued cooperation they have extended to me and to the department. In addition, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of my assistant, Susan Harris, whom sustains a high standard of integrity and an exemplary work ethic on behalf of the citizens of Wrentham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Sarno
Town Accountant

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	TOTAL (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water Fund	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	
Assets and Other Debits							
Cash and cash equivalents	4,321,023	2,187,227	340,322	715,775	2,477,082		10,041,429
Investments					46,547		46,547
Investments of deferred compensation plan							-
Receivables:							
Property taxes	1,028,017						1,028,017
Motor vehicle excise	235,922						235,922
Intergovernmental	4,668	230,182					234,850
Charges for services and other		786,898		303,847			1,090,745
Total receivables	1,268,607	1,017,080	-	303,847	-	-	2,589,534
Due from other funds							-
Other assets	140,989						140,989
Amounts to be provided for the retirement of general long-term obligations				3,436,897		18,373,251	21,810,148
Total assets	5,730,619	3,204,307	340,322	4,456,519	2,523,629	18,373,251	34,628,647
Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits							
Warrants and accounts payable	1,394,773	106,455		36,450			1,477,678
Guaranty deposits							-
Accrued liabilities:							
Compensated absences payable				7,009		128,873	135,882
Other	183,711				51,799		183,711
Due to other funds							51,799
General obligation bonds and notes payable				3,429,888			3,429,888
Deferred revenue	1,313,481	972,272		303,847			2,589,600
Obligation under capital lease						18,244,378	18,244,378
Total liabilities	2,831,965	1,078,727	-	3,777,194	51,799	18,373,251	26,112,936
Retained earnings							-
Fund balances:							
Reserved for:							
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	818,141			137,178			955,319
Unreserved:							
Nonexpendable trust endowment					161,403		161,403
Designated for subsequent year expenditures	520,500	425,000					945,500
Designated for special purposes				126,704			126,704
Designated for petty cash	200						200
Undesignated	1,559,813	1,700,580	340,322	415,443	2,310,427		6,326,585
Total equity and other credits	2,898,654	2,125,580	340,322	679,325	2,471,630	-	8,515,711
Contingencies							
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	5,730,619	3,204,307	340,322	4,456,519	2,523,629	18,373,251	34,628,647

TOWN OF WRENTHAM

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	TOTAL (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water Fund	Expendable Trusts	
Revenues:						
Real and personal property taxes	21,539,907					21,539,907
Motor vehicle excise	1,418,808					1,418,808
Licenses, permits & fees	722,852	1,642,503			73,000	2,365,355
Investment income	249,472					322,472
Intergovernmental	5,483,571	1,075,168				6,558,739
Water revenue				1,758,299		1,758,299
Change in market value of investments					(48,789)	(48,789)
Other revenue	84,103	306,716	-		14,569	405,388
Total revenues	29,498,713	3,024,387	-	1,758,299	38,780	34,320,179
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,217,205	58,590				1,275,795
Public safety	3,534,536	163,697	886		1,256	3,700,375
Education	15,002,341	1,380,683				16,383,024
Public works	2,293,779	202,673				2,496,452
Water			52,817	671,727		724,544
Human services	416,577	127,277				543,854
Culture and recreation	416,761	620,913				1,037,674
State and county assessments	416,986					416,986
Insurance & other	1,392,313				2,805,014	4,197,327
Capital outlay	431,941			50,000		481,941
Debt service	2,706,554			473,232		3,179,786
Total expenditures	27,828,993	2,553,833	53,703	1,194,959	2,806,270	34,437,758
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp.	1,669,720	470,554	(53,703)	563,340	(2,767,490)	(117,579)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Bond proceeds			63,091			63,091
Operating transfers in	771,183		116,909		2,881,206	3,769,298
Operating transfers(out)	(2,881,206)	(530,610)	(7)	(357,474)		(3,769,297)
Total other financing sources (uses), net	(2,110,023)	(530,610)	179,993	(357,474)	2,881,206	63,092
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	(440,303)	(60,056)	126,290	205,866	113,716	(54,487)
Fund balance (deficit), beginning of year	3,338,957	2,185,636	214,032	473,459	2,196,711	8,408,795
Fund equity, end of year	2,898,654	2,125,580	340,322	679,325	2,310,427	8,354,308

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund			Special Revenue Fund - Water		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Variance Fav(Unfav)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Variance Fav(Unfav)
Revenues:						
Real and personal property taxes	21,378,410	21,378,410	206,461	-	-	-
Motor vehicle excise	1,355,000	1,355,000	63,808	-	-	-
Licenses, permits & fees	515,000	515,000	(7,018)	-	-	-
Investment income	190,000	190,000	249,472	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	5,503,144	5,503,144	(19,573)	-	-	-
Water revenue				1,393,666	1,758,299	364,633
Other revenue	177,970	177,970	121,003	-	-	-
Total Revenues	29,119,524	29,119,524	424,153	1,393,666	1,758,299	364,633
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	1,247,880	1,304,017	1,218,255	-	-	-
Public Safety	3,599,173	3,626,663	3,581,277	-	-	-
Education	15,015,254	15,015,254	14,976,758	-	-	-
Public Works	2,091,838	2,345,314	2,299,290	-	-	-
Water				711,930	712,302	673,331
Human Services	427,562	435,061	417,387	-	-	38,971
Culture and Recreation	424,159	427,017	418,438	-	-	-
State and County Assessments	418,006	418,006	418,986	-	-	-
Insurance & Other	4,197,866	4,386,757	4,303,305	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	503,914	571,515	569,168	112,500	112,128	-
Debt Service	2,709,057	2,707,057	2,708,554	482,251	473,381	149
Total Expenditures	30,634,709	31,236,660	30,907,407	1,286,681	1,286,691	39,120
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,515,185)	(2,117,136)	(1,363,730)	106,985	95,855	403,753
Other financing sources:						
Bond proceeds				-	2,000	(2,000)
Operating transfers in	611,019	617,750	858,315	(186,985)	(283,894)	(357,474)
Operating transfers (out)		(2,000)	2,000	(186,985)	(281,894)	(75,580)
Total Other Financing Sources:	611,019	615,750	858,315	(186,985)	(281,894)	(75,580)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(904,166)	(1,501,387)	(505,416)	(60,000)	(186,039)	328,173
Other budget items:						
"Free Cash" Appropriations	774,166	1,371,387		-	126,039	
"Overlay Surplus" Appropriations	130,000	130,000		60,000	60,000	
Water Surplus				60,000	186,039	
Total Other Budget Items	904,166	1,501,387		60,000	186,039	
Net Budget	-	-		-	-	

TOWN OF WRENTHAM
Schedule of Bonds Payable
As of June 30, 2008

PURPOSE	Inside/ Outside	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL OUTSTANDING FY (in 000's) of 6/30/2008
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS:																							
Rodrick School Addition	Outside																						-
Vogel School Renovation	Outside																						-
Delaney School Addition	Outside Excluded	235	235	235	235	235	235	235	235	230	230	230											2,570
New Public Library	Inside Excluded	80	80	80	75	75	75	70	50														585
Sewer - Lateral Design Phase	Outside	40																					40
Sewer - Shepard's Brook Interceptor	Inside	15																					15
Municipal Buildings - 2002	Inside	110	105	105	105																		425
Shears Street Water Mains - 2002	Outside	50	50	50	50																		200
DiCarlo Land Acquisition - 2002	Outside	150	150	150	150																		600
Public Safety Building - 2003	Inside	575	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570												5,705
Water Improvements - 2003	Outside																						-
DiCarlo Land Settlement - 2004	Split	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	120	120	120											1,480
Town Hall Renovation - 2004	Inside	235	235	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230										2,770
Elementary School Addition - 2006	Inside	150	150	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145				2,620
School Boiler - 2006	Inside	40	40	40	40																		160
School Roof Repair - 2006	Inside	80	80	75	75	75	75	75	75	75													685
Water Tank Repair / Paint - 2006	Outside	90	90	85	85																		350
SUBTOTAL, Principal Payments		1,975	1,910	1,890	1,865	1,455	1,455	1,450	1,430	1,370	1,295	725	495	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	18,205
Interest Payments		688	616	545	473	404	350	293	236	180	128	77	45	32	26	21	15	9	3				4,139
SUBTOTAL, Principal and Interest		2,663	2,526	2,435	2,338	1,859	1,805	1,743	1,666	1,550	1,423	802	540	177	171	166	160	154	148	-	-	-	22,344
MASS WATER POLLUTION ABT TRUST																							
Water Quality/Wastewater Planning	Inside	30	31	31	32	33																	157
Water Improvements	Outside	147	149	150	153	156	163	165	170	180	185	195	200	205	215	220	225						2,890
Stormwater Management Plan	Inside	33																					33
Septic Loan Program	Outside Excluded	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10							150
Septic Loan Program	Outside Excluded	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7				121
Septic Loan Program	Outside Excluded	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	65
Water Improvements	Outside	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	53
SUBTOTAL, Principal Payments		230	203	204	208	214	186	188	193	203	208	218	223	228	238	243	238	13	13	6	6	3	3,470
Interest/Admin Fee Payments net of Loan Subsidy Amounts		42	40	39	37	33	31	29	25	22	18	0	11	7	4	1	0	0	0				339
SUBTOTAL Principal, Interest & Admin		272	243	243	245	247	217	217	219	225	226	218	234	236	242	244	238	13	13	6	6	3	3,809
GRAND TOTAL		2,935	2,769	2,678	2,602	2,106	2,022	1,960	1,865	1,775	1,649	1,020	774	413	413	409	398	167	161	6	6	3	26,153

WRENTHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts**

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
Wrentham Properties,LLC	2,509.80		12.63		2,522.43
	2,509.80	0.00	12.63	0.00	2,522.43

WRENTHAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts**

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
Eaglebrook Development	731.01		3.66		734.67
West Wrentham Village	3,678.80		18.49		3,697.29
Maplewood Village	197.86		0.96		198.82
	4,607.67	0.00	23.11	0.00	4,630.78

WRENTHAM PLANNING BOARD
M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
G.C.A. Chelsea	1,089.03		5.45		1,094.48
G. Lopes Construction	813.15		4.11		817.26
Northwest/Wren. Woods	1,530.24		7.68		1,537.92
Wrentham Business Ctr	323.69		1.63		325.32
Ash St/Heaton Place	447.14		2.23		449.37
Wrentham Crossing	517.16		0.43	517.00	0.59
Meadowview Investments	150.63	1500.00	2.38	1500.00	153.01
Amberfields	1,337.42	1492.96	2.59	2832.25	0.72
Simeone Associates	2,223.45	4850.00	7.09	6679.57	400.97
Four Oaks Industrial Rd.	1,401.71		7.08		1,408.79
Meadowview Estates-Snow	5.47				5.47
Blackstone Valley (Comm.Dr.)	2,401.54	2320.00	3.98	4721.17	4.35
Maystar Realty (30 Cushing Dr.)		6730.50	7.38	6737.39	0.49
Deer Brook Estates		4350.00	5.92	4353.11	2.81
Tri-State Kenworth LLC		5355.00	5.12	5096.69	263.43
Sports Turf Specialties		4760.00	3.11	4500.08	263.03
Thurston Acres		3155.00	0.79	2423.12	732.67
	12,240.63	34,513.46	66.97	39,360.38	7,460.68
CLOSED ACCOUNTS - FY08:					
Patriot Condos	84.28		0.33	84.61	0.00
45 Industrial Rd/RE Anderson	103.36		0.36	103.72	0.00
Wrentham Hills, LLC	360.92		1.34	362.26	0.00
Safe Meadow (off Bennett)	505.09		0.18	505.27	0.00
Tom Morse-Big Apple Tower	1.04			1.04	0.00
Badd Bros.	3.54			3.54	0.00

WRENTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
Sunrise Farms	1,667.45		8.39		1,675.84
King's Grant	1,705.71		8.57		1,714.28
Wrentham Business Ctr	5,783.74		29.07		5,812.81
Ash St. Subdivision	852.71		1.30	717.50	136.51
Chelsea GCA	937.92		4.73		942.65
Oxbow Group - South St.	785.73		3.91		789.64
Deer Brook Estates	620.53	2540.00	8.94		3,169.47
Eagle Brook	8,593.72		43.17		8,636.89
Richard T Holmes	328.03		1.66		329.69
Martha Dooley	1,170.05		5.05	1000.00	175.10
Simeone Tr-Simac Rlty Tr	2,042.37		10.26		2,052.63
Thurston St./Lorusso Corp.	1,668.10		8.39		1,676.49
Bowmar Estates	887.69		4.49		892.18
Wrentham Crossing	1,102.99		5.54		1,108.53
Meadowview Investments	1,252.28	1700.00	10.96	2960.00	3.24
Eastside Meadow	9.99				9.99
Ramco	325.13		1.63		326.76
A.B.B., Inc.	312.81		1.55		314.36
Wrentham Healthcare	368.23		1.87		370.10
Cavallo/Sevies	243.64		1.20		244.84
Patriot Condos	9.03				9.03
Wooding Dev. Corp.	45.44		0.24		45.68

WRENTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
45 Industrial Rd.	2,022.66		10.16		2,032.82
Wrentham Hills LLC	2,021.19	180.00	10.70		2,211.89
Amberfields	1,310.22	976.00	2.95	1968.00	321.17
Conrad Family Trust	24.37		0.12		24.49
Kelco Development LLC	1,007.94		5.07		1,013.01
Green St./Simeone	5,804.95		29.18		5,834.13
35 Cushing Drive	1.43				1.43
Safe Lock Expansion	8.86				8.86
Kelsi Way	1,168.00	180.00	4.27	1254.00	98.27
Four Oaks 190 Industrial Rd.	501.74	1000.00	7.31		1,509.05
Maplewood Village	2,007.20		10.09		2,017.29
Meadowview Estates-Snow	1,003.79		5.05		1,008.84
FF Development LP	3,006.12		15.12		3,021.24
Wm Rice Rec. Complex	606.02		3.06		609.08
Demetra Estates(M. Siakotos)	82.08	630.00	0.86	630.00	82.94
Blackstone Valley(Comm. Drive)	1,161.79		5.83		1,167.62
Turbeau Assoc.(Cherry St)	0.21				0.21
Maystar Realty		2090.00	9.65	1980.00	119.65
Toils End Farm		1000.00	2.68		1,002.68
Proctor Man./36 Common St		1170.00	2.07		1,172.07

WRENTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53G Accounts

<u>Project/Applicant</u>	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Interest Income	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2008
Tri-State Kenworth LLC		2000.00	4.11	1980.00	24.11
SportsTurf Specialties		2090.00	1.77	1980.00	111.77
CVS		90.00	0.12		90.12
Wrentham Partners		220.00	0.18		220.18
Chestnut Street		90.00	0.05		90.05
	<u>52,451.86</u>	<u>15,956.00</u>	<u>291.32</u>	<u>14,469.50</u>	<u>54,229.68</u>
CLOSED ACCOUNTS - FY08:					
Badus Brook Crossing	1,023.10		0.86	1023.96	0.00
DPW Lake Street	1.97			1.97	0.00

Report of the Animal Control Officer

From 7/1/07 to 6/31/08 the Animal Control Officer responded to 376 calls which broke down as follows:

Wildlife	67
Loose dogs	99
Road kill	64
Mutual aid	10
Dog By-law complaint	23
Loose livestock	12
Cruelty investigation	18
Misc.	15
Cat related	22
Dog bites	39
Animal hit by car/ alive	9
Possible rabies exposure	23

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thibedeau ACO

Report of the Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors was organized as follows:

Joan A. Dooley, M.A.A.	Chairperson
Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
Irene L. Levesque	Clerk of the Board

Our staff:	Lisa Cathcart, M.A.A.	Town Appraiser/Assessor
	Herta Boylan	Administrative Assistant
	Claire Copeland	Principal Clerk

Total Number of Parcels	4422
Single Family Dwellings	3197
Condominiums	220
Residential Vacant Land	401
Commercial & Industrial	186
Mixed Use	36
Chapter 61, 61A & 61B	68
Misc. & Others	118
Personal Property	196
Value of Real and Personal Property	\$1,870,754,680
Split Tax Rate - Residential Tax Rate	\$11.23
- Commercial Tax Rate	\$13.36
- Personal Property Rate	\$13.33
New Growth Taxation from New Construction	\$386,648

January 1, 2007 was the effective date of assessment for Fiscal Year 2008 which began on July 1, 2007. The valuations for Fiscal Year 2008 were based on qualified arms-length sales in calendar year 2006.

At the Tax Classification Hearing held on December 11, 2007, the Board of Selectmen voted to continue a split residential/commercial tax rate for Fiscal Year 2008, in order to make any tax increase more equitable between the two classes of property. The Board of Selectmen also voted to adopt a Small Commercial Exemption of 6%.

Irene L. Levesque was elected to a one year term and Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr. was elected to serve a three year term, as Assessors, on April 7, 2008.

The Board would like to thank all Town Departments for their assistance and cooperation during the past year and wishes to express appreciation to the office staff for their dedicated service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan A. Dooley, Chairperson, Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr., Vice Chairperson, Irene L. Levesque, Clerk of the Board

Report of the Board of Health

Organization: During FY2008, the Board of Health structure was: Ravindra Nadkarni, Chairman, Leon Bruner Vice Chairman, Marion E. Cafferky, Clerk

Appointments: January 2008 to December 2008

Leon Bruner, Ph. D., D.V.M.	Milk Collector and Inspector
Marion E. Cafferky	Milk Collector and Inspector
Ravindra Nadkarni, PE, Ph.D.	Milk Collector and Inspector
William R. Domey, PE	Consulting Engineer/Agent/Septic Inspector
William Iannucci, Ph. D., R.S., C.H.O.	Agent/Sanitarian/Housing Inspector
Susan Thibedeau	Inspector of Animals
Richard Gillespie (Wrentham P D)	Agent
Carol A. Mollica, Town Clerk	Burial Agent
Muriel Guenthner	Burial Agent
Richard Ross, Funeral Director	Burial Agent
Robert Morrill, August 2008	Burial Agent

Other Committees: The Board members participate in several Town committees: Ravindra Nadkarni: Wrentham Environmental Protection Advisory Committee, Region 4a Emergency Preparedness Coalition. Also, Dr. Nadkarni is the President of Massachusetts Association of Health Boards and the Board's Agent, Mr. Domey, is on its Executive Board. Dr. Leon Bruner is on the Public Safety Communications Committee and Marion Cafferky is on the Historical Commission, the Sweatt Fund Advisory Committee and the Old Fiske Library Committee.

Education: Members attended training sessions conducted by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards in fall 2008 as well as other programs and table top exercises on Emergency Preparedness.

Planning: The Board of Health and Public Health Nurses have participated in Emergency Planning and have prepared plans for emergency dispensing of medicines in case of an emergency. Head Nurse Lynne Harrison participated in Region 4a Emergency Planning on a regular basis. Ravindra Nadkarni and Lynne Harrison are currently active in Wrentham's Medical Reserve Corps along with other volunteers. The Board's Sanitarian Dr. William Iannucci conducted training for restaurant employees on food safety in Wrentham. The program was well attended.

Title 5 Loan Program: Since 1997, the Board of Health has assisted homeowners with loans to repair failed septic systems. Funds for these loans came from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. Over the years, approximately \$633,000 was disbursed to homeowners. The program has been administered by Ravindra Nadkarni. Funds are still available.

Rabies: The Board of Health conducted a rabies clinic on April 26, 2008. The clinic was run by Dr. T.C. Carpenter. Rabies fact sheets and pet inoculation cards were distributed. Many thanks to volunteers from Lambda Xi Sorority and the Town Clerk for their help. The animal inspector also responded to 7 suspected rabies calls.

Communicable Diseases in FY 2008:

Lyme	10	Salmonella	2	Shingellosis	2	Pertussus	2	Hepatitis	3
Strep	1	Chicken Pox	3	Enterovirus	1	Enterocolics	1		

Disposal Works Construction Permits and other permits: The statistics below sometimes refer to permits issued for calendar year (CY) 2008 (from January 1 to November, 2008) rather than for FY 2008 since many annual permits are on a calendar year cycle.

The Board of Health and its agents reviewed applications and issued the following permits. In accordance with Title 5 of the State Environmental Code, 44 Disposal Works Construction Permits were issued in CY 2008. In addition, the Board of Health started 11 plan reviews under Chapter 593 (53G) in FY 2008. In the table below, the permits issued on a Calendar Year basis are marked with an asterisk. The breakdown is:

Percolation Tests	52*	Private Wells	4	Food Service Establishments	52*
Retail Establishments	31*	Mobile Food Service	4*	One Day/temp Food Permits	21*
Septic Installers	65*	Campgrounds&Motels	2*	Non-commercial Piggery	0*
Septage Handlers	15*	Offal, garbage/rubbish	11*	Public Sw. Pools / Beaches	5/2
Priv. Swimming Pools	15	Syringe (PHN)	7	Tanning Facility	1*
Catering	5*	Funeral Director	1	Massage Therapist	11*
Massage establishment	4*	Frozen Desserts	7*		
Portable toilets	0*	Recr. Camps -children	0	*Calendar year 08; all other FY 08	

Sanitary Inspections: In compliance with the provisions of Title VIII of the State Sanitary Code, opening inspections were conducted by a Registered Sanitarian at all the public and semi-public beaches and pools. Routine, comprehensive and follow up inspections, as applicable, were conducted at all schools, nursing homes, retail and food service establishments, mobile food operations, motels, campgrounds, temporary food facilities and restaurants.

Complaints: Numerous complaints about environmental, nuisance, noise and odor, housing and sanitary issues were addressed by the Board of Health. As in previous years, the Board has continued its policy of investigating or addressing all complaints, regardless of whether they are made orally, or in writing or with or without the complainant's name being given.

Animal Inspections: The following animals were inspected in 2008 in the Town at 56 homes and found to be in good condition and adequately housed by Susan Thibedeau, Animal Inspector:

Cattle	5	Other Fowl	79	Goats	22	Sheep	5	Swine	1
Horses and ponies	164	Rabbits	7	Llamas and Alpaca	5	Chicken	269	Donkeys	3

* 6 stables accessible to the public

The Board strongly believes that its mission is to serve public health and the environment while fulfilling its statutory responsibilities under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It greatly appreciates the expertise and services of its agents and extends its sincere thanks to Gina Grimaldi, Virginia Galvin, William Domey and Bill Iannucci, who have served the public in good stead.

Ravindra Nadkarni, Chairman
Leon Bruner, Vice Chairman
Marion E. Cafferky, Clerk

Report of the Board of Selectmen

It is with pleasure that the Board of Selectmen offer to the residents of the Town, a report of its many accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2008. Some of these include:

- Our Town Administrator John J. McFeeley, met with Congressman Jim McGovern to discuss aid in federal level funding for construction of a slip ramp at the intersection of Route 1/A (South Street) and Route 495.
- The Norfolk and Wrentham Town Lines perambulation was completed. We wish to thank Town Administrator John J. McFeeley and Board of Selectmen members Mary A. Dunn and Jennifer Firth for completing this task.
- The Board of Selectmen accepted the retirement of Kendra Farling in the Finance Department and Robert J. Reardon as DPW Superintendent. The Board of Selectmen wishes both Mrs. Farling and Mr. Reardon much success in their future endeavors.
- The Board of Selectmen and advertised for a new Fire Chief and received numerous resumes. After interviewing the three chosen candidates, the Board of Selectmen was pleased to vote to appoint Mark S. Pare as the new Fire Chief. He began work in June.
- After a Public Hearing on Town Water Rates, the Board of Selectmen voted no increase in rates in this fiscal year.
- The Board of Selectmen authorized Wrentham's participation in the GATRA program for transportation for our Senior Citizen's.
- Support was given by the Board of Selectmen to a Public Safety Communications Committee. This Committee's task was to purchase and erect a Public Safety Communications Antenna in the West End of Town of publicly-owned property.
- The Town received an e-Government Award for excellence in content of the Town's website. The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Cynthia Thompson, in the Town Administrator's Office, for her efforts in helping to achieve this award.
- An Assessment Center, for the position of Police Chief, was organized and completed in January 2008. Lieutenant James E. Anderson was appointed the new Police Chief and will be sworn in on July 3, 2008. The Board wishes to thank Chief Richard J. Gillespie for his role as Interim Police Chief during this time.
- Approximately 27 residents (ages 60 or older) participated in the Senior Tax Workoff Program offered by the Town. Depending on the number of participants in each fiscal year, the program enables residents to receive an abatement in real estate taxes of up to \$750.00.
- Authorization was given to the Town's Cable Advisory Committee to begin negotiations with Verizon on competitive pricing for the installation of cable television for residents of the Town.

At its April 1, 2008 Meeting, the Board congratulated Bob J. Cohen on his election and welcomed him as the newest member. The Board voted in Mary A. Dunn as Chairman, Jennifer Firth as Vice Chairman and Edward J. Goddard as Clerk.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen members and Town Administrator wish to thank the residents for all their support. The Board members and Town Administrator would like to personally thank their office staff (Cynthia Thompson and Valerie Brownly) and all the dedicated employees of the Town for all their hard work during Fiscal Year 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mary A. Dunn, Chair

Jennifer Firth, Vice Chair

Edward J. Goddard, Clerk

John M. Zizza, Member

Bob J. Cohen, Member

John J. McFeeley, Town Administrator

Report of the Building Inspector

The office of the Building Inspector respectfully submits its Annual Report for 2008. The total Income generated by the Department was \$156,719.20 for the year ending June 2008.

The office hours of the Building Department are, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday the office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If a Holiday falls on a Monday or any other day except Friday, the office will be opened all day on Friday.

On May 7, 2008 the Building Department was saddened by the sudden loss of our Plumbing and Gas Inspector, Carl Schwalbe. The Building Department and Town has lost a valuable employee. I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of the employees of the Building Department for the superb work they do. Secretaries Sheila Buck and Maureen Perry, Local Building Inspector Richard Bishop, Mechanical Inspector Donald Jordan, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors, Gerard Smolinsky, Robert Larmey, Ed Rose, Wiring Inspectors, William St. Francis and David Wiklund. I would like to express my thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation to the Department.

The following is an accounting of Permits and Inspections:

New Dwellings	5	Building Permits	353	Building Insp.	378
Remodel/Additions	253	Plumbing Permits	128	Plumbing Insp.	253
Mechanical	47	Gas Permits	102	Gas Insp.	122
Signs	42	Wiring Permits	285	Wiring Insp.	494
Foundations	20	Mechanical Permits	47	Mech. Insp.	196
Demolitions	12				
Swimming Pools	14				
Commercial	17				
Certificate of Insp.	39				
Tents	13				
Temporary	3				
Occupancy	59				

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas P. Tobichuk, Jr.
Building Inspector

Report of the Collector

Collector's Receipts To Treasurer

Totals for Fiscal Year 2008

30-Jun-08

Description	Account #	Amount
Previous P.P. Taxes		1,664.61
2006 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1216	221.69
2007 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1217	1,295.10
2008 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1218	521,608.90
2009 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1219	1,399.84
2009 Real Estate Pre-Payment (Special Warrant)		8,347.72
2009 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1229	168,148.09
2008 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1228	20,740,929.82
2007 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1227	199,967.96
2006 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1226	2,582.61
In Lieu of Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4180	7,456.81
Roll Back Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4147	0.00
2008 R.E. Septic Betterment - Principal	29-510-6-0511-00-00-4880	45,588.80
2008 R.E. Septic Betterment - Committed Interest	29-510-6-0511-00-00-4880	6,435.84
2007 R.E. Septic Betterment - Principal	29-510-6-0511-00-00-4880	1,289.10
2007 R.E. Septic Betterment - Committed Interest	29-510-6-0511-00-00-4880	322.27
Motor Vehicle Excise, Prior Years	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4160	2,059.66
Motor Vehicle Excise, 2005	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1265	3,988.95
Motor Vehicle Excise, 2006	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1266	37,389.05
Motor Vehicle Excise, 2007	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1267	291,427.50
Motor Vehicle Excise, 2008	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1268	1,104,532.81
Water Charges, 2005	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1315	136.80
Water Charges, 2006	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1316	5,342.11
Water Charges, 2007	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1317	99,366.53
Water Charges, 2008	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1318	1,525,340.61
Water Liens 2008	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1338	45,909.06
Water Liens 2007	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1337	1,400.09
Parking Violations	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4772	2,880.00
Handicap Parking Fines	28-183-6-0183-00-00-4772	18,410.00

Totals for Fiscal Year 2008
Description

Account #

30-Jun-08
Amount

Municipal Liens	01-140-0-0000-00-00-4323	11,250.00
Due to Deputy Collector - Fees	89-140-0-0146-00-00-4370	25,467.26
Collector's Fees	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4170	32,146.19
Penalties & Interest - Property Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4170	51,223.53
Penalties & Interest - Excise Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4171	10,897.03
Collector's Fees - Water	60-450-0-0000-00-00-4175	8,100.00
Penalties & Interest - Water Charges	60-450-0-0000-00-00-4175	13,571.65
Checkoff Scholarship	29-300-6-0930-00-00-4830	0.00
Checkoff Education	29-300-6-0931-00-00-4830	0.00
Checkoff Seniors /Disabled	29-541-6-0950-00-00-4830	0.00
TOTAL		<u>\$24,998,097.99</u>

To the Accounting Officer:

The above is a listing of moneys collected by me for the period ending June 30, 2008 which I have paid to the Treasurer, whose receipt I hold thereof.

Karen P. Heinz

Assistant Town Collector

Barry L. Yeaw

Treasurer/Collector

Report of the Commission on Disability

The purpose of The Wrentham Commission on Disability is to coordinate and carry out programs in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the town of Wrentham for people with disabilities.

Board members are appointed by the Board of Selectman and serve staggered terms. The majority must be persons with disabilities; one may be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability; and one must be a municipal officer. Currently we are still in need of 2 disabled members to fill the membership criteria.

During the past year, 7 meetings were held to conduct the business of The Commission. Our accomplishments were as follows; site and building plans were reviewed for handicap accessibility. Discussions were initiated with the Massachusetts Office of Disability regarding coordinating site visits to town business and recreation areas to access handicap accessibility. These accessibility reviews will be conducted in FY09.

Commission members participated in Wrentham Day, distributing information related to our activities and disability services. Members continue to avail themselves to workshops and forums related to disability issues.

Commission members are: Susan Houston, Chairperson; Paulette Cole, Vice Chairperson and Secretary; Mary Dobek, Treasurer; Charlotte Forbes, Cathy Sanguinetti. As a result of annual town elections Selectman George Labonte was replaced by Selectman Robert Cohen.

Paulette M. Cole
Secretary

Report of the Conservation Commission

During the 2008 Fiscal Year the Commission held public hearings for 23 Notice of Intent applications, 3 Request for Determination of Applicability applications and 4 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation applications. 4 Order of Resource Area Delineations were issued. Orders of Conditions were issued to 20 applicants, 11 Orders of Conditions were extended, and 2 were amended. In addition 3 Determinations of Applicability and 11 Certificates of Compliance were issued. The Commission and/or its Agent went on approximately 127 site visits throughout the year.

Members of the Commission again participated in the MACC Spring and Fall Environmental Conferences and attended classes and training seminars,

The Conservation Agent is working with the Open Space Committee to prepare a new Open Space and Recreation Plan which will be submitted to the State next year. This plan is necessary for the Town to be eligible for open space and recreation funds.

The work performed under a Consent Decree at the end of Dunn and Davis Avenue has lead to the restoration of Town-owned land to public use and restored approximately 15,000 square feet of wetlands and buffer zone. An abutter had previously encroached upon and filled the wetland. The Conservation Commission supervised the repair work performed by that abutter.

The Commission had many volunteers' help in maintaining or improving its open spaces. Mr. Alex Leonard, working under the Senior Tax Work-Off and the Conservation Stewardship programs, has repaired fences at Joe's Rock and Birchwold Farm and performed work at other Conservation Commission managed parcels. The Commission has been conducting inspections of several of the Conservation areas and noting potential for future work. The Commission has also been assisted in maintaining several of its properties by the Department of Public Works.

Louise Candela, also working under the Senior Tax Work-Off program, continues to offer her assistance in our office. She is a welcomed asset to the department.

The Commission met with the Wrentham Friends of Shade Trees group, originally constituted as the Tree Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, and now renamed as the Wrentham FOREST. The Commission voted to support and cooperate with them.

The Commission is grateful to the continuing outstanding efforts of our agent, Darryl Luce and secretary Lee Ann Tavares. Mrs. Tavares is also pursuing Conservation Commission educational opportunities through the MACC and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo E. Immonen, Chairman	Barry Kassler, Vice Chairman
Chris Yarworth	Dianne Demarais
William Bauser	Michael Mavrides
George Smith	

Report of the Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is pleased to submit the following report for FY2008 to the Selectmen and Citizens of Wrentham. The Council is the officially designated agency to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing services and activities for residents of Wrentham who are age 60 or older. When assistance is required to help seniors obtain services to which they are entitled, the Council becomes the link between the senior's needs and the services that are available. Our goal is to establish and monitor programs to ensure continuity and growth in needed services and activities for seniors.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Outreach to Wrentham seniors is a major part of the work we do here at the Center. Our Outreach Coordinator, Frances Padula coordinates and conducts such programs as fuel assistance, food stamp applications, reassurance line, protective services and friendly visits to Wrentham seniors either in their homes or at the Senior Center. Our SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) counselor, Anna Deschamps, continues to be an important part of the support services offered at the Center in regards to questions and/or problems on health insurance and prescription information. We also have a blood pressure clinic at the Center on the third Tuesday of every month, conducted by the Public Health Nurses as well as a flu shot clinic every year and a pneumonia shot clinic. A podiatrist has office hours at the Senior Center one day a month.

ACTIVITIES: We have a wide range of continual activities here at the Center, many focused on both physical and mental well being. Aerobic exercise, sit & stretch, line dancing, Qi Gong and Chair massages as well as educational forums and varied speakers assist with this important focus. We also have painting class, ceramics, craft/quilting class, book club, movies, Mah Jong, cribbage and a choral group, the Wrentham Song Birds, all focused on social interaction and general well being. We also offer various day trips and some overnight trips for interested seniors.

VOLUNTEERS: We have more than 80 volunteers at the Center, with 4,600 hours of community service. Our volunteers serve in various capacities such as friendly visitors, reassurance line, clerical, newsletter, driving and escorting seniors to medical appointments, trip coordinator, tending to our gardens and grounds and janitorial services during the day.

LUNCH PROGRAM AND SENIOR VAN: The senior lunch program, serving over 5,000 meals at the Center and 7,000 home delivered meals continues to be a very important part of the services we offer here at the Senior Center. The program is run by HESSCO Elder Services in conjunction with the Council. The van was used to transport seniors and/or the disabled to the Center, grocery shopping, errands, and for local medical and dental appointments. The small van was used for medical/dental appointments, errands and transportation to meetings for the Senior Center staff.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Angelico, Director of the Senior Center, for the Wrentham Council on Aging; Kendra Farling, Chairwoman, James Palmer, Sarah Graves, Mary Gouthro, Thomas Myette, Emily Todd and Nicholas Tobichuk.

Report of the Finance Committee

Introduction and Overview

The Finance Committee provides guidance, input and recommendations to the Town on all financial articles that appear on the warrant for Town Meeting. The Fiscal Year (FY) runs from July 1 to June 30. As the Annual Town Report covers the calendar year of 2008, our contribution here will cover our actions in the spring of 2008, with regards to the preparation of the FY2009 budget, and our actions in the fall of 2008 with regards to the execution of the FY2009 budget.

For 2008, we began coordination efforts for the FY 2009 budget in February. Prior to beginning our series of budget reviews and appointments with department heads, and board leaders, the Finance Committee addressed two personnel changes. Ms. Sue Szekely, who had been the Committee Chairperson for the previous six years, decided to resign from the Committee in order to better pursue other volunteer activities. The Committee elected Mr. Jerome McGovern to the post of Chairman. And subsequently, the Town Moderator appointed Mr. Kelly Williams to take Ms. Szekely's spot. Ms. Sue Kost continues as the Committee Secretary and Mr. Kenneth Arnold, Mr. Mark Keilen, Mr. Arthur Robison and Mr. Jeffrey Saviano continue as Committee members.

Spring 2008 Funding Actions

In preparation for making recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) regarding the FY 2009 operating budget, the Finance Committee met 15 times between February and June 2008. During the course of these meetings, we met with each municipal department head, each board chairperson and the three school superintendents (King Philip, Tri-County, and Wrentham Elementary). We also met with State Senator Scott Brown and State Representative Richard Ross in order to hear first hand information regarding the Commonwealth's budget process and to gauge the impact on Wrentham for FY 2009 as well as the out years to the extent possible.

Prior to beginning our meetings and reviews, the Town Administrator presented a balanced budget to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Over the course of our 15 meetings, our objective was to:

- Provide an additional level of scrutiny, diligence and coordination across the breadth of the Town's budget. (It's important to note that the Town Administrator and the BOS can only control the municipal departments. They can coordinate but cannot control budgets of the school boards or other Town Boards.)
- Make adjustments to the Town Administrator's balance budget based on our reviews and additional revenue and expense information. (The Town Administrator presents a balanced budget to the BOS in February. Additional detail develops over the next three months, to specifically include final numbers for state aid.)
- Ensure the proper inclusion of expenses and revenues that are outside of department/board budgets such as debt, insurance, local fees, etc.

Based on these objectives, we presented a recommended budget at the Annual Town Meeting on June 16, 2008 as depicted under the FY09 column of the below table.

Expense Element	FY08	% of 08	FY09	% of FY09	\$ Change	% Change
Wrentham PS	\$7,725,469	25.53	\$8,111,742	25.74	\$386,273	5.00
KPRSD	\$5,160,421	17.05	\$5,550,575	17.62	\$390,154	7.56
Benefits	\$4,056,166	13.40	\$4,541,585	14.41	\$485,419	11.97
Public Works	\$2,848,325	9.41	\$2,987,695	9.48	\$139,370	4.89
Debt (Included less Water)	\$2,106,987	6.96	\$1,997,900	6.34	(\$109,087)	-5.18
Police	\$1,620,378	5.35	\$1,638,144	5.20	\$17,766	1.10
Fire	\$1,493,669	4.94	\$1,536,125	4.88	\$42,456	2.84
General Government	\$1,225,208	4.05	\$1,245,793	3.95	\$20,585	1.68
Tri County	\$649,375	2.15	\$716,378	2.27	\$67,003	10.32
Town Support Schools	\$679,378	2.24	\$706,533	2.24	\$27,155	4.00
Other Public Safety	\$474,431	1.57	\$454,311	1.44	(\$20,120)	-4.24
Water Debt	\$582,510	1.92	\$439,687	1.40	(\$142,823)	-24.52
Human Services	\$420,390	1.39	\$436,375	1.38	\$15,985	3.80
Culture and Recreation	\$421,518	1.39	\$429,954	1.36	\$8,436	2.00
Reserve Fund	\$60,000	0.20	\$41,950	0.13	(\$18,050)	-30.08
Total Less Exlcuded Debt	\$29,524,225		\$30,834,747		\$1,310,522	4.44
KPRSD Debt (Excluded)	\$800,611		\$1,057,926		\$257,315	32.14
Town Excluded Debt	\$481,811		\$467,006		(\$14,805)	-3.07
Total Table B	\$30,806,647		\$32,359,679		\$1,553,032	5.04
State Assessments	\$438,943	1.45	\$399,532	1.27	(\$39,411)	-8.98
Reserve Abatement	\$302,128	1.00	\$275,000	0.87	(\$27,128)	-8.98
Total Expense Requirments	\$31,547,718	100.00	\$33,034,211	100.00	\$1,486,493	4.71

Full details of this budget (including a roll up of department salaries and expenses) can be found on the Town of Wrentham web site in our booklet entitled: Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

As we summarized in the booklet, we presented a balanced budget for FY 2009, but it has become increasingly difficult to do so. The FY09 budget comes with fewer teachers in the elementary, middle and high schools. And while there are no personnel cuts or service reductions slated in the municipal departments there are numerous valid requirements that are unmet, especially in police and fire.

Fall 2008 Funding Actions

At the Fall Special Town Meeting (STM), typical funding requests are focused on capital items and supplementals to the operating budget approved in June. The preponderance of the funding for these requests is provided by Free Cash. Free Cash results from higher than projected revenues and/or lower than expected expenses from the previous fiscal year. As part of the accounting close out procedures for the fiscal year that ends on June 30, the Town's Finance Department determines the amount of Free Cash. That amount is then certified by the Department of Revenue and becomes available to obligate as the Town's voters see fit in the new fiscal year.

Last year, the DOR certified a Free Cash amount for Wrentham of \$1.6 million. This year the amount is only \$773,000. The lower amount is primarily due to much tighter projections of revenues and expenses from the previous fiscal year, as well as an increased amount of Free Cash from FY2008 carried forward to balance the FY2009 operating budget.

Prior to the November 10th 2008 Special Town Meeting, the Finance Committee recommended that \$650,000 of Free Cash be set aside for two known, recurring obligations: \$250,000 is the prudent amount to set aside to supplement the Snow and Ice budget after the winter weather is concluded; \$400,000 is the prudent amount to set aside to help source the FY2010 budget next spring, just as we did this year.

Taking this action now means that only \$123,000 was available from Free Cash to fund the capital budget and any other FY2009 supplemental requests. Based on this, the Finance Committee only recommended \$46,000 to be obligated for Capital and supplementals in response to \$357,000 in requests. At the STM, voters approved an additional \$23,973 in funding. The result is that the Town only has \$52,000 available in Free Cash to carry forward through the rest of the Fiscal Year. (Last year the Town obligated an additional \$900,000 in Free Cash after the fall STM.

The two tables below depict the Free Cash comparisons for this year and last year.

<u>FY08</u>		<u>FY09</u>	
Free Cash	\$1,600,000	Free Cash	\$773,212
Supplement to Snow and Ice	\$ 246,000	Set Aside for Snow and Ice	\$250,000
Funded to balance FY09	\$ 400,000	Set Aside to balance FY10	\$400,000
Available for Capital/ Supplemental/et al	\$ 954,000	Available for Capital/ Supplemental/et al	\$ 123,000

The two tables below depict the comparison between requests and recommendations with the remaining Free Cash resulting from the November 10, 2008 STM.

<u>Requests</u>		<u>Recommendations</u>	
Current Request	\$174,655	Available Free Cash	\$123,212
Union Contracts*	\$182,351	Non Capital Recm'd	\$ 37,180
Total	\$357,006	Capital Recm'd	\$ 9,325
Requests not on the Warrant	\$770,783	Total Recm'd	\$ 46,505
		Add'l Approved	\$ 23,973
		Remaining Free Cash	\$ 52,734

This small amount of Free Cash leaves the Town in a precarious position for the rest of the Fiscal Year. If unexpected expenses occur during the first six months of 2009 above the remaining \$52,000, some very tough decisions will have to be made to determine how such requests will be addressed. Potential solutions would include taking the funding from the set aside amount, taking it from our Stabilization account, or taking it from a department or board's operating budget – each of these options carry negative impacts to the Town.

There is also one additional elephant in the room. The Town has yet to fund the salary increases resulting from negotiations with four Town unions (Police, Fire, DPW and Clerical). At the time of this report, the gap between the total amount and the funding available is approximately \$120,000. In previous fiscal years, this amount would not have presented such a significant challenge. However, this year it does. We expect to address the contract funding issue at a Special Town Meeting in February 2009.

Conclusions

Balancing the Town's budget is very challenging even under the best of fiscal circumstances. Fundamentally, the Town's ability to generate revenue has not kept pace with expense growth, even though we have been very diligent in minimizing our expense growth. Aside from raising taxes or fees the Town has a very limited means to generate additional revenue. This means that in most years, we are cutting expenses in some area of the budget in order to meet rising expenses in another area. Or we are relying increasingly on non-recurring revenue such as Free Cash. Or we make reductions in personnel and services.

This strategy has sufficed in the past several years with minimum negative impact and has been mostly transparent to the majority of the Town's citizens. But as this year's report demonstrates, the trend indicates that the impacts will be greater in the coming year. This year we experienced budget driven lay-offs in both King Philip and Wrentham Elementary. We remain short personnel in several departments. Now, going into 2009 and FY 2010, we have less Free Cash than ever before and are delaying or avoiding needed capital improvements. And our expectations are that state aid for FY2010 will have no growth and may even be cut.

As 2008 ends, the Finance Committee is working with the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and an ad hoc committee of school and department representatives to identify appropriate budgeting strategies and courses of action for the remainder of FY2009 and FY2010. In order to develop a balanced budget for FY2010, most of the immediately available remedies involve cuts or changes in services or increases in fees. Remedies being discussed range from removing trash disposal from the budget, to moving debt currently inside the levy to outside the levy via a debt exclusion override – or selling property taken as tax delinquent to pay down the debt. Nothing has been put forward yet, but we are approaching a situation where every available option must be considered. And every available option has some degree of pain.

But simply changing expense tactics, no matter how innovative, is like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. Any long term solution must also include the means to generate additional revenue that is steady, reliable and minimizes or avoids any impact on Town services. This is not to suggest that we need to turn the Wampum Corner corridor or Route 1 into a series of strip malls. But the Town needs to expand its commercial tax base and it needs to establish new revenue streams. And it needs to do this in combination with initiating innovative expense tactics.

As previously described, all of the options, whether they are revenue focused or expense focused, come with a degree of pain. Many of these options have quickly been minimized or even avoided in the past. However, a strategy that doesn't include revenue generation and innovative expense tactics, and a willingness to accept the accompanying changes, will mean that a balanced budget and appropriate capital sustainment for Wrentham can only be met by continuing to cut personnel and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Wrentham Finance Committee



This illustration drawn by Sydney Martin, Grade 6, Roderick Elementary School

Report of the Fire Department

Wrentham Board of Selectmen
Residents of the Town of Wrentham

I herewith submit the annual report of the Wrentham Fire Department for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. I am proud to submit this Annual Report on behalf of the dedicated firefighters who serve the Town with distinction.

MISSION:

The Mission of the Wrentham Fire Department shall be the protection of human life and property from fire or other disaster; the prevention, education, suppression and investigation of fires; the provision of emergency medical services; and the removal of all persons from danger whatever the cause.

The following analysis highlights the Fire Department's activity during Fiscal Year 2008:

Structure Fires	26	Vehicle Fires	18
Outside Fires	35	Fire/Other	177
Hazardous Conditions	102	Good Intent	21
Service Calls	190	False Alarms	69
Inspections	576	Car Seat Installation	57
Emergency Medical Service Responses		1337	
Vehicle Accidents		223	
Persons Transported		922	
TOTAL RESPONSES		2608	

FIRE LOSS:

During Fiscal Year 2008 there was a loss of \$ 147,310.00 in all fire incidents. There were no Civilian Fire Deaths or Civilian Fire Injuries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY:

During Fiscal Year 2008 the Fire Department provided an ever increasing role in the overall health and safety of Wrentham residents. The Fire Department traditionally responded to fires and in some cases request for medical help. Today the Fire Department's responsibility has significantly expanded to an "all hazardous approach," Which means that the Fire Department responds to any request for assistance from the public. In practical terms this means that the Fire Department can find itself responding to a call for water in basement, an alarm sounding in a building, a hazardous materials spill, a Carbon Monoxide Detector in alarm, a building fire, an inspection for smoke detector in a house for sale, or any situation that endangers a member of the public.

This “all hazards” response approach provides additional important services to the Wrentham residents but as a result puts an enormous pressure on the limited resources of the Fire Department. The Fire Department Officers must be experts in Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Suppression, and a host of other areas, including building construction, vehicle extraction, chemistry of hazardous materials, the most important, customer service.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

In Fiscal Year 2008, the Fire Department responded to 1337 calls for service. The Fire Department transported 922 patients to various hospitals in Norwood, Milford, Attleboro, Woonsocket, and Providence. The Fire Department Rescue Service is currently licensed to the Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Level. This advanced level of licensure enables the Fire Department to provide the highest level of care to residents. The difference in licensure between Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support remains significant and is worthy of explanation. Under the Advanced Licensure, a Paramedic responding to cardiac emergency is able to interpret the heart rhythms and begin to immediately administer cardiac medications, which often minimize the damage to the heart. This is also the case in medical emergency involving respiratory issues and diabetes. At the scene of a trauma injury (vehicle accident, industrial accident), the victim will receive the medication for pain that would not be available under a Basic Life Support licensure. In practical terms, a resident or visitor to Wrentham who has a medical emergency has a greater chance of surviving because of the training and skills of the Officers and Firefighters of the Wrentham Fire Department. The Fire Department currently has seven certified Paramedics, which still leaves us short of the goal of having two Paramedics on 24 hour coverage. We will continue to improve the number of paramedic level firefighters because all new firefighters are required to be licensed at the Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Level. Also, several of the call firefighters have received their Paramedic license. This helps to increase the number of available Paramedics.

The Fire Department equips, licenses, and operates two rescues to meet our demands for service. This practice limits the need for mutual aid from neighboring communities, which in turn increases the revenue from the ambulance service.

The Fire Department provides its own ambulance billing. This allows the town to receive the full amount possible when it generates a charge. Typically a company charges 5 % for this service. Because the Fire Department bills internally for its services the Town experienced a cost savings of \$ 25, 966 in Fiscal Year 2008. Additionally, in Fiscal Year 2008 the Fire Department received \$ 519,330 in ambulance billing. This is an increase of almost \$10,000 over Fiscal Year 2007. The revenues from the ambulance service supports maintenance of medical equipment, replacement and purchase of medical supplies, apparatus (ambulance) replacement and salaries.

EQUIPMENT STATUS:

Unit	Year/Type	Station	Condition
Car 1	2008 Ford Expedition	1	Excellent
Car 2	2000 Ford Expedition	1	Fair
Car 3	1999 Ford Crown Victoria	1	Poor
Engine 1	1995 Pierce Pumper	1	Good
Engine 2	1985 E-One Pumper	2	Fair
Engine 3	1994 Pierce Pumper	1	Good
Tanker 1	1990 2,500 gallon	2	Good
Ladder 1	1997 Pierce 105'	1	Good
Rescue 1	2001 Class 1	1	Fair
Rescue 2	2005 Class 1	1	Good
Squad 1	2001 Ford F-450	1	Good
Squad 2	1994 Ford F-350	2	Fair
Squad 6	1954 Army Unit	1	Fair
Squad 8	1986 Bucket Truck	1	Poor
Zodiac RIB with Trailer		1	Good
SCAT Hovercraft with Trailer		1	Fair
HazMat	1994 Cargo Trailer	1	Fair

The current fleet with the exception of Car 1 has not changed. In Fiscal Year 2009 Squad 2 will be refurbished; the vehicle will have a new body installed which will extend the life of the vehicle by many years. Also in Fiscal Year 2009 the Fire Department will replace Rescue 1. This is a planned replacement that has already been delayed one year and which could have resulted in a loss of ambulance revenues if Rescue 1 was taken out of service. The Fire Department maintains an aggressive policy of scheduled maintenance on the vehicles intended to prolong the useful life of the vehicles; this includes yearly pump test and changing all fluids and filters on a timely schedule. This aggressive policy has limited the maintenance budget and is a cost savings to the Town.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The most effective tools that a fire department has to prevent fires is a strong fire prevention program. The elements of the program include, plan review for new construction and renovations of existing space, inspection of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in house resale, permits for Oil Burner Systems, Fuel Oil Transport Trucks, Fireworks, and several other permits under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148.

Along with the required permits, the Fire Department provides firefighters to be on duty any time explosives are used, and when there are large crowds at places of Public Assembly.

Permits Issued	
26 B Automatic Fire Detection	24
26F House Resale Fire Alarm System	98
CMR4 Oil Burner Systems	51
CMR6 LP Gas Storage Systems	33
CMR 8 Fuel Oil Transport	1
CMR9 Flammable Liquid Underground	9
CMR13 Explosives	41
Other Misc.	35

Revenue Collected relating to Fire Prevention Activities: \$ 13,857.00.

GRANTS:

Firefighting Equipment Grant – This grant provides funds for fire departments to purchase emergency equipment. Eligible fire safety equipment that can be purchased under this program shall include turnout gear, hand-held power lights, communication devices, telephones, personal alert safety systems, air packs, tanks, compressors, thermal imaging devices, computerized personnel accountability systems, vehicles. The amount of the grant is based upon population; the Town of Wrentham received \$5,295.00. The Fire Department purchased communication equipment, air packs and personnel safety equipment.

S.A.F.E. The Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program was established in Fiscal Year 1996 in an effort to educate students about the fire and health hazards of smoking-related materials. The program's mission is to provide students with the knowledge base to recognize the dangers of fire, including the fire hazards that smoking-related materials pose. The core of the S.A.F.E. Program has been and will continue to be school-based. Because learning occurs at all ages, and is not limited to pupils who attend school, as of fiscal year 2006, S.A.F.E. funds can now be used to implement community fire and life safety education programs outside of school buildings. S.A.F.E. is implemented by firefighters who have special training in teaching fire and life safety education. Firefighter Paramedic Robert Holst has received the necessary training to be certified as S.A.F.E. program coordinator. This year he will target 5 and 6 graders. The amount of funding for FY08 was \$3,554.00.

Fire Act Grant: The Department of Homeland Security administers a federal grant program to which all Fire Departments can apply. During this Fiscal Year 2008 the Fire Department submitted a grant for replacement of all portable radios. As of this date the Fire Department has not heard if the grant will be awarded.

TRAINING:

In May of this year, the Fire Department acquired a structure to use for live fire training. This live training is the most productive of any training that can be accomplished. It gives the firefighter the real experience of heat and flame that cannot be duplicated by any simulator. During this training experience members entered the house and proceeded to extinguish the fire, just like they would be expected to accomplish in a real structure fire. The Fire Department would like to thank Tri-State Rentals, LLC, for use of their premises for this invaluable training to firefighters from Wrentham, Plainville and Norfolk. Members continue to train while on duty under the direction of their company officers. Officers are expected to maintain proficiency in pump operation, ladder techniques, and other fire department tools and equipment.

DEPARTMENT STAFFING:

As of June 30, 2008, the Fire Department was at full authorized staffing. On June 1, 2008, the Board of Selectmen appointed the undersigned as the Chief of Department.

The Fire Department's complement is 18 full time firefighters (Chief, Deputy Chief, 4 Captains and 12 Firefighters). In addition, there are 17 paid on call and reserve firefighters.

Chief of Department
Mark S Pare

Deputy Fire Chief
James J. McMorrow

Captain Michael Heinz
Lieut. Edward Perry
FF Robert Harrison
FF Robert Maduskuie
FF Norman Gray
FF Michael Galasso
FF Frederick True
FF Michael Isner
FF Jason Wilanson
FF Jackie Heinz
FF Jerry Monboquette

Captain Gordon Winget
Captain Kenneth Jefferson
FF Walter Pelrine
FF Robert Holst
FF Antonio Marino
FF Michael Wainwright
FF William Daniel
FF Darrel True
FF Geof Brooks
FF David Gill
FF Paul Connolly

Captain David Wiklund
Lieut. Jonathon Morse
FF Robert Heinz Jr.
FF John Donovan
FF Christopher Duvarney
FF Roy Juergens
FF Timothy Heinz
FF Daniel Dow
FF Warren Cook
FF Clint Lacivita
FF Steven McCarthy

Administrative Assistant Betsy Mayhew

I would like to publicly acknowledge Deputy Chief McMorrow for his exemplary work while serving as the Interim Chief. During this period, Chief McMorrow did the work of two people without complaint. I would also like to thank Chief McMorrow for his assistance during my first several months, which has greatly helped to make the leadership transition seamless. I also want to thank Ms. Betsy Mayhew and all the members of the Wrentham Fire Department for their service to the community. They are a credit to their honored profession. Finally, I would also like to thank the Town Administrator Mr. John McFeeley, Board of Selectmen, and all department heads for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Pare
Chief of Department

Report of the Fiske Public Library

Our library has become increasingly busy in 2008. Aside from bringing our total materials collection to almost 60,000 items we have purchased several databases that can be accessed from home. The titles have been selected to be used by students who don't always have the opportunity to get to the library. A few examples are: Gale Virtual Library, UXL Encyclopedia of Drugs and Learning Express practice tests for upper grades. We have World Books Encyclopedia, Culturegrams and Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States for the elementary students. The library strives to keep technically current and provide the most up-to-date information in all formats for our community.

The Friends of the Fiske are actively fundraising on our behalf and we are most appreciative. The Sweatt Fund has given us many wonderful programs and passes that have been heavily-used by all.

Our staff and Trustees have, as always, played an important role in making sure that the community is well-served. I am grateful to them all.

Circulation Totals	
Books	69,482
Periodicals	1,205
Audios	8,404
Videos	15,989
Ebooks	142
Downloadables	198
Electronic materials	9,333
Miscellaneous	843
Total	105,596

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tobichuk, Director

Report of the Wrentham Historical Commission

The Wrentham Historical Commission is responsible for collecting, preserving, maintaining, and displaying town history and using it for educational purposes. The major activities for the Commission in 2008 were:

Donations and Archives - The commission continued to accept a variety of town related memorabilia from a number of current and former Wrentham residents and their relatives. Of particular note, was the United States flag that flew over the common for the nation's centennial celebration and a well marked town map from the 1850's. The Commission was the beneficiary of monies from the proceeds of a trust of the late Wrentham businesswoman Lila Pond. We successfully applied to the Sweatt Fund for the money necessary to properly stabilize and repair the 1839 Wrentham Whig Party banner.

Plaque Program -The Commission approved the application of one additional Wrentham home for an historical plaque. We continue to monitor the status of previously issued plaques and arrange for replacements as necessary.

Demolition Permits - Four demolition permits for structures older than fifty years old were received and considered. Three were approved and one was denied.

Public Education and Resource - The commission continued to supply historical information and assistance to various committees and town residents. We supplied the Wampum Corner Study group with photographs and details about the Wampum Corner area. Wrentham senior citizens enjoyed a bus tour of "historic" Wrentham narrated by a commission member and we met with the Wrentham Historical Society to brief them on our activities and establish relationships for potential future joint activities.

Fiske Project - The commission continued to explore ways that the Fiske building can be used to showcase our holdings to the public. Efforts in this area will be intensified in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Sweed
Secretary, Wrentham Historical Commission

Report of the Wrentham Housing Authority

The Wrentham Housing Authority has sixty six apartments dedicated to senior/disabled housing and fifteen apartments for families. All senior/disabled units are one bedroom while the family units are two, three and four bedrooms. A town resident or a person who works in town has a priority over non-residents for acceptance using the state guidelines. The Department of Housing and Community Development publishes specific guidelines for all authorities to follow in determining an applicants eligibility and the amount of rent they will be charged.

Applicants who qualify for our senior/disabled housing pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income for rent which includes all utilities except for telephone and cable television. Family housing tenants pay 27% of their adjusted monthly income but also must pay for gas and electricity. To qualify for the senior/disabled housing, you must be sixty years of age or older or have a permanent, documented disability and have adjusted net income of \$46,300.00 or less for one person. For two people, the income can be no more than \$52,950.00.

Family housing income limits range from \$52,950.00 for two people up to \$87,350.00 for a family of eight.

During our last fiscal year, (7-1-07/6-30-08) we placed six tenants in our senior/disabled housing at Bennett Gardens. During the same time period, we placed three tenants in our family development. Our waiting list for family housing was re-opened in April, 2008 after being closed for the prior twelve months.

We have continued to extensively remodel all units that have not been done over the past few years when they are vacated as the work being done cannot occur when the apartment is occupied.

During the fiscal year we were awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to put an addition onto the existing community building to incorporate ADA accessible laundry facilities and rest rooms. In addition, the office space was expanded and an ADA kitchen was installed.

The Board of Commissioners meet once a month for their regular meeting at the Community Building located at One Garden Lane. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 3:30 PM. Special meetings are held periodically, as needed. All meetings are posted well in advance at the Town Hall and at the Community Building.

Any resident or person who works in Wrentham may call the office, (508) 384-2054, or come to see us between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM for more information or to obtain applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Morrill, Chairman

Nancy Grady

Charles Booth

Jay Johnson, Executive Director, Secretary Ex-Officio

Mary Geromini, Vice Chairman

Marjorie Hooper, Treasurer

Report of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, advocating for public policies, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, resource protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information is available at www.mapc.org.

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

Advancing Smart Growth

MAPC is directed by statute to adopt, from time to time, a comprehensive regional plan. Our current plan, MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region, was adopted by the Council on December 2, 2008. This initiative, which has engaged over 5,000 individual and organizations throughout the region, will guide Metro Boston's growth and development, as well as the preservation of critical resources, through the year 2030. At the December 2 meeting, Council members and MetroFuture friends and supporters voted to move the project from planning into advocacy and action, and participants helped to set priorities among a series of implementation strategies designed to move MetroFuture into this dynamic next stage. MetroFuture is uniting the efforts of MAPC, partner organizations, and the thousands of "plan-builders" in an effort to alter regional priorities and growth patterns consistent with the new plan.

As a member of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, MAPC helped to form the Transportation Investment Coalition last year. This year, the group of business, environmental, public interest, and planning organizations changed its name to Our Transportation Future, and has actively advocated for savings, efficiencies, and new revenues to address the state transportation finance deficit.

MAPC has continued its participation on a zoning reform task force chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Gregory Bialecki. The “Land Use Partnership Act,” developed through the task force, would establish a framework for municipalities to designate growth and preservation areas, and to develop consistency between master plans and zoning. The bill would significantly modernize the state’s outdated zoning and subdivision laws, providing a menu of reforms to all municipalities, and additional relief to those who choose to opt into the bill’s planning and smart growth requirements. Passing legislation to reform zoning and planning in the Commonwealth will remain a key area of focus at MAPC throughout 2009.

Collaboration for Excellence in Local Government

Subregional councils continued to communicate with MAPC’s eight regions and to gather citizen input this year. Most of the subregional coordinators hosted legislative breakfasts this year, where participants could prioritize legislative goals and ideas with their delegation.

Through its Metro Mayors Coalition, MAPC helped 21 communities secure more than \$2 million in Shannon Grant funding over the past three years to implement multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary strategies to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse. Our North Shore Coalition has grown and flourished during 2008, working on issues as diverse as transportation planning, anti-gang programs, and consolidation of services.

Collaboration for Public Safety

MAPC performs fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2008, MAPC helped to develop evacuation and sheltering plan templates across the region, and created three regional caches of emergency response equipment that can be loaned out to municipalities for drill exercises or emergencies.

MAPC completed Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for 46 cities and towns this year, on top of the 29 plans already completed in recent years. Each plan recommends strategies to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters *before* they occur, along with a GIS map series depicting areas subject to various natural hazards.

Collaboration for Municipal Savings

MAPC’s Regional Services Consortia administered procurements for more than 50 cities and towns, saving communities up to 20% on purchases such as office supplies, paving services, and road maintenance. In 2008, MAPC performed multiple procurements for five consortia: North Shore, South Shore, Metrowest, Northwest and Merrimack Valley (the last in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission). MAPC also entered the vehicle fuels market in 2008, procuring a contract for several South Shore towns.

Reliable Data, Available to All

MAPC, along with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation, continued this year to provide municipalities with Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology free of charge to cities and towns. The Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology allows users to display features such as buildings, land areas and hydrology, which may be viewed from several directions and at different scales.

In April 2008, Pictometry International once again conducted a flyover of the entire state that provides five-way aerial imagery for all public sector agencies statewide. The five-way imagery consists of four oblique views (north, south, east and west) and one straight down view that may be viewed through Pictometry's Electronic Field Study software version 2.7, which is also available at no cost to municipalities.

MAPC also continued expanding the MetroBostonDataCommon.org Web site, which provides on-line mapping and chart-generating tools for users. This year, the Massachusetts School Building Authority contracted with MAPC for analysis and consulting services, including analysis of the impact of new schools on enrollment patterns. The Data Center also began distributing a monthly e-mail newsletter highlighting new datasets and resources for constituents.

MAPC's data center is partnering with the Donahue Institute at the University of Massachusetts to encourage more accurate counts on the 2010 Federal Census. MAPC is helping municipalities prepare for the Census in many ways, including advocating for the formation of Complete Count Committees that can target hard-to-count population groups such as recent immigrants and renters in each city and town.

Getting Around the Region

MAPC continued its popular Regional Bike Parking Program, negotiating discount group purchasing contracts with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment. This allows MAPC communities, the MBTA, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to purchase discounted equipment. The Boston Region MPO, the Executive Office of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration have provided generous funding to support 100% reimbursement of the cost of eligible bike parking equipment bought through this program. Communities around the region have used the program to put new racks at schools, libraries, parks, and shopping areas. A total of 788 racks holding 2472 bicycles have been installed at 25 communities throughout the region.

MAPC continued its work on the Regional Pedestrian Plan, administering a survey this year to nearly 2,000 people. The plan will identify policies to make walking more convenient, safe and practical.

On Beacon Hill

- Municipal Health Insurance:
MAPC continued encouraging municipalities to join the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC), which can help communities save millions of dollars each year by taking advantage of lower insurance rates available through the GIC. To date, 27 municipalities have joined the GIC.
- Shannon Community Safety Initiative:
Over the last three years, MAPC's advocacy and grant development services have helped more than two dozen communities to secure funding for interdisciplinary programs that focus on youth violence, drugs, and enforcement against gangs. The program was funded at \$13 million in Fiscal 2009.

- Statewide Population Estimates Program:
A \$600,000 line item in the 2008 budget provided the State Estimates Program with more resources to prepare for the 2010 Census. This program will help correct the deficiencies of recent population estimates and to prevent similar deficiencies from occurring in 2010. Conservative estimates suggest Massachusetts stands to gain between \$2.5 million and \$5 million per year in federal funding, or between \$7.5 million and \$15 million between 2007 and the 2010 Census as a direct result of the program's efforts.
- Surplus Land:
MAPC continues to advocate for passage of a new policy on the disposition of surplus state land. Specifically, we continue to build support for our proposal that encourages smart growth development on surplus land while giving municipalities a meaningful role in the disposition process, a discounted right of first refusal, and financial participation in the proceeds.
- Community Preservation Act:
CPA has been very popular throughout the region, but recently the state matching fund has declined precipitously. Legislation filed by Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) and Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) would secure adequate funding over the long term for the state's CPA matching fund, and encourage even more communities to join.
- District Local Technical Assistance:
The planning assistance offered through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund (DLTA) was funded at \$2 million for Fiscal 2009. It enables the state's 13 Regional Planning Agencies, including MAPC, to provide municipalities with technical assistance in two key areas: achieving smart growth land use objectives, and consolidating procurement, services and planning across city and town lines.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

South West Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP)
Bellingham, Dover, Franklin, Hopkinton, Medway, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Sherborn, Wrentham

During 2008, the SWAP subregion municipal representatives continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss and take action on issues of mutual interest from community development planning to transportation. SWAP heard presentations on the upcoming US Census, alternative parking management programs, alternative growth designs promoted by the state's Smart Growth tool kit, revisions to the state's storm-water regulations that will impact local communities, funding opportunities forthcoming under the Green Communities Act, and potential legislative changes to the state's zoning act. SWAP was also informed about the availability of free aerial photography for their towns, free bicycle racks, and free trainings for municipal planners through MAPC.

SWAP provided input regarding an upcoming transportation study of Route 126 from Bellingham to Framingham. The Committee also held a lively discussion on how communities can best use design review committees and guidelines to foster appropriate development.

During the past year, the communities participating in the subregion were briefed on grant opportunities, such as the District Local Technical Assistance fund and the Suburban Mobility Program as well as the Commonwealth Capital program. Subregional representatives also participated in MAPC's MetroFuture project, to develop a plan for the future of the greater Boston region. During 2008, MAPC also completed our work with the Town of Millis to rezone a portion of the western industrial zone along Route 109, assisted Norfolk in securing designation of Priority Development site under the state's 43D program, worked with the Sherborn Planning Board to host a visioning session for the town center, and facilitated discussions between Milford and MassHighway on a possible Park and Ride lot.

Report of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control

The operational program of the Project integrates all proven technologies into an Integrated Pest Management (PM) system of mosquito control and vector management that is rational, environmentally sensitive and cost effective.

Surveillance: Surveys, inspections, and monitoring in support of our program include GIS mapping of breeding areas, larval and adult collections, and fieldwork evaluations leading to better water management. West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis have been active in Norfolk County over the past several years which has resulted in an expansion of the surveillance program in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), State Laboratory Institute. MDPH has requested that the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project expand mosquito surveillance across the county for the purpose of detecting viruses in collected mosquitoes as an early warning system for the residents of the county. Considerable manpower has been reallocated to these efforts, which is not reflected in this report.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Water Management Activities: An important component of our IPM approach is the management of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which if neglected can contribute to mosquito breeding. Site visits, pre and post monitoring, photographic documentation, survey measurements, flagging, accessing assessors information, maintenance of paperwork and electronic forms, communication with and/or meeting on site with residents, town/state/federal officials and maintaining regulatory compliance are all important aspects of this program. In addition to normal drainage system maintenance, Project personnel advise residents on removal of water holding artificial containers on their property for the purpose of eliminating potential West Nile virus mosquito breeding habitat.

Drainage ditches checked/cleaned	6,730 feet
Culverts checked /cleaned	17 culverts
Intensive Hand Cleaning*/Brush Cut	950 feet
Mechanized Cleaning	210 feet

*Combination of brush cutting and clearing of severely degraded drainage systems or streams by hand.

Larval Control: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. These applications were conducted after devoting many man hours to collecting larval data which is used for targeting purposes as well as for determining efficacy of these applications. The products used during these applications were Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) and Methoprene.

Aerial larvicide applications	844 acres
Larval control - briquette & granular applications by hand	5.1 acres
Rain Basin treatments - briquettes by hand (West Nile virus control)	670 basins

Adult Control: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, and/or threaten public health. These applications are conducted based on residential complaints as well as by analyzing adult mosquito population data collected from light traps. Additional applications may have occurred following identification of mosquito born viruses such as West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The product used during these applications was Sumithrin.

Adult control aerosol applications	1,505 acres
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Respectfully submitted,

John J. Smith, Director

Report of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

The Registry of Deeds is the principal office for real property records in Norfolk County. The Registry receives and records hundreds of thousands of documents each year, and is a basic resource for title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, homeowners, and others with a need for land record information. The Registry of Deeds has been a vital component of Norfolk County government since 1793, the year Governor John Hancock signed legislation creating Norfolk County, also known as the County of Presidents - the home or birthplace of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John F. Kennedy and George H.W. Bush. The Registry operates under the supervision of the elected Register, William P. O'Donnell. In over two hundred years of continuous operation, the Registry has progressed from the days of scribes with quill pens to computers, scanned documents and off-site access. However, in all that time our objectives have remained the same: accuracy, reliability and accessibility for the residents of the twenty eight communities that comprise Norfolk County.

Improved technology and management of records and increased levels of customer service remain areas of major focus for the Registry of Deeds. Initiatives include:

- A community outreach office hours program that will bring Register Bill O'Donnell and the mobile Registry of Deeds to Wrentham on January 28, 2009.
- Free public viewing access for every document including land plans recorded by the Registry since its inception in 1793 via the internet at www.norfolkdeeds.org. The Registry regularly updates and enhances the site to include recent news, trends, press information, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- An ability for those who such as attorneys, title examiners, realtors, lenders, surveyors and civil engineers who establish an account with the Registry to print documents directly from their offices for \$1.00 per page.
- A continuing technology fund investment in computer hardware in the Registry itself to insure that anyone wanting to access the records can do so.
- The expansion of the internet accessible indexing system back to 1955.
- A full service telephone and walk-in customer service center and the addition of closing rooms and tables to encourage the citizens of Norfolk County to feel comfortable in using their Registry.

Wrentham was typical of the rest of Norfolk County showing decreased real estate activity in 2008 recording a total of 247 deeds, 14.8% fewer than in 2007. The average price of a Wrentham real estate sale (greater than \$1,000 - residential and commercial properties combined) fell 4.9% and at the end of 2008 stood at \$436,342. The total dollar volume of real estate sales in Wrentham for 2008 settled at \$60.7 million, a 25.8% decrease from 2007. There were 565 mortgages recorded in Wrentham in 2008 which translates to 25.8% fewer than in 2007. June was the busiest 2008 month for Wrentham real estate activity accounting for 10.9% of the town's total recordings.



The Norfolk County Advisory Board December meeting at the Registry



Register Bill O'Donnell hosts a community outreach office hours session

Report of the Old Fiske Library/Museum/Gallery Committee

Year 2008 has proven to be a very productive year for the Old Fiske Library Museum/Gallery Committee. The new addition has been completed with the tile floor installed, and handicapped bathrooms completed. Also included in this addition are a water bubbler and two areas for future displays.

A handicap parking area has been constructed accessible to the handicap ramp which is now in the process of being completed with the installation of railings.

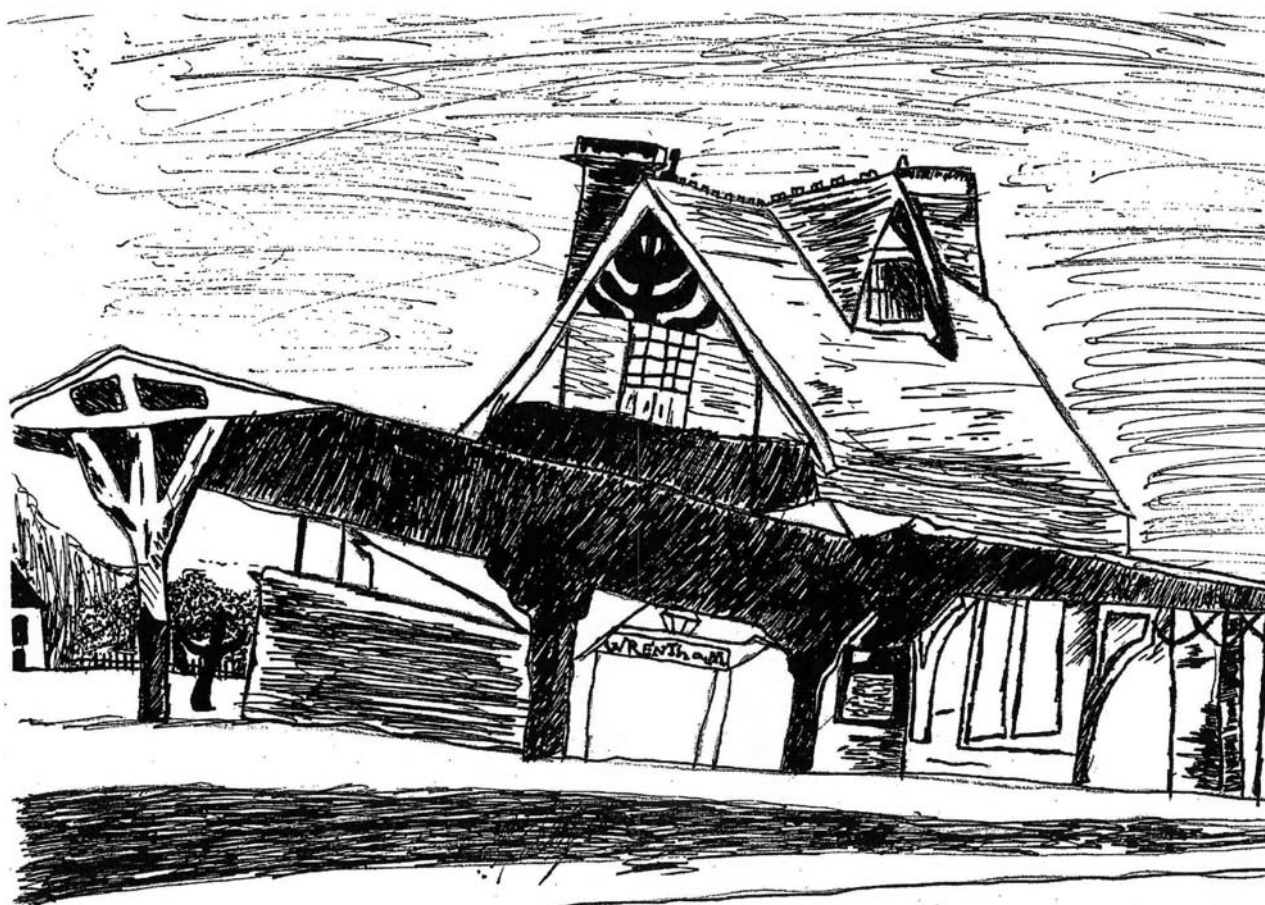
Painting of the two front rooms of the Old Fiske Library has been done and more work in the very near future will include refinishing of floors and miscellaneous interior work.

The Committee has set Memorial Day 2009 as a "soft opening" so that all citizens wishing to see the accomplishments of this Committee will be able to do so.

Once again the Committee would like to thank all who have volunteered their time and materials to the completion of this task. A very special thank you to the Sweatt Fund Ad Hoc Committee for their generous support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Pratt, Secretary



This illustration drawn by Luckas deAvila, Grade 6, Roderick Elementary School

Report of the Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee (OSC) was created as a standing committee at the April 2004 Annual Town Meeting. Like its predecessor, the Open Space Study Committee, the OSC was formed to increase awareness of open space issues in Wrentham, and to help preserve those parcels of open space which are important for the Town's continuing needs, both to retain its unique character and to enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Preserving open space allows the land to exist in its natural state for the permanent enjoyment of the citizenry, and helps maintain the habitat necessary for a healthy local environment. Because the preservation of land places a minimal burden on municipal services, it is an investment in the town's future as well.

During the 2008 Fiscal Year, the committee continued working on updating the Town's Open Space Plan, at the direction of the Conservation Commission. Also, selectman Jennifer Firth and new member Kate Earls brought forth the idea for the committee to host a Speaker Series, with invited guests making presentations both indoors and outdoors on topics of interest to the community relevant to open space. That idea received a grant from the Sweatt Fund, and the program is now ongoing.

Our chairman, Doug Randall, created a series of open space-related maps of Wrentham using the town's database. Some of these maps were displayed at the Committee's table at Wrentham Day.

While we lost member Bill Marland to retirement, we are pleased to report that he has placed a conservation restriction on a significant portion of his property. Bill was a real asset to the committee and a leader by his example, and his presence will be missed. This year the Committee was pleased to welcome its two newest members, Kate Earls and Barbara Ligon.

Our current committee is as follows:

Douglas Randall, Chairman
Barry Kassler, Clerk
Dianne Demarais
Darryl Luce
Kate Earls
Barbara Ligon

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Kassler, Clerk

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board reviewed numerous subdivision, special permit and site plan approval applications this year. Through these actions, two (2) new buildable lots were created, and a net increase in commercial space of approximately 316,650 square feet was approved. The following summarizes the projects reviewed by the Board during this period.

Projects

July 2007 – Wrentham Industrial Development Special Permit Plan, Green Street – A Special Permit to construct three industrial/warehouse buildings, with accessory office space, totaling 177,000± square feet with 182 parking spaces and three (3) loading areas on a site located to the north of the intersection of High and Green Streets, near the Wrentham/Plainville town line.

September 2007 – William Rice Recreation Complex - 54 Emerald Street – An Earth Removal application for the Rice Athletic Complex that is being built on Emerald Street; that resulted in excess material in the amount of 25,000 cubic yards (10,000 cubic yards of loam and 15,000 cubic yards of gravel).

December 2007 – 30 Cushing Drive – A Special Permit to construct a commercial building totaling 45,000± sf with 104 parking spaces and 2 loading areas at the rear on 9.8± acres of land in the Cushing Industrial park, with frontage on Cushing Drive which is off the easterly side of Dedham Street (Route 1A)

December 2007 – 35 Commercial Drive – A Special Permit to construct two storage/warehouse buildings, with accessory office space, totaling 49,400± sf with 71 parking spaces and loading areas at the rear of the two buildings on 8.73± acres of land at the end of Commercial Drive, an industrial/commercial subdivision location off of Route 1.

December 2007 – Earthwork Plan, Green Street – An Earth Removal Permit to remove approximately 65,000± cubic yards, not to exceed 80,000 cubic yards to allow for fill removal/asphalt remediation.

January 2008 – Lover's Lane – A Definitive Subdivision Plan for a private subdivision road for the existing home and one additional lot at 360 Chestnut Street.

April 2008 – Kenworth Dealership and Service Center, 1204 & 1222 South Street – A Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for a project located on the westerly side of South Street/Route 1A. The project involves the demolition of all existing on site buildings (two dwellings, three garages and one shed) and the construction of a 36,500± sf Kenworth Truck Dealership and Service Center with 121 parking spaces;

April 2008 – Deer Brook Estates, Jenks Street – This is a previously approved residential Open Space Preservation Development (OSPD) encompassing 15.41± acres on the easterly side of Jenks Street near the Rhode Island state line. Five (5) lots were approved within the OSPD including one (1) lot accommodating the existing home at 125 Jenks Street in November 2002. Subsequent to the initial issuance of said Special Permit, an appeal was filed by the applicant in December 2002. An Agreement for Judgment was issued by Superior Court, and the Planning Board agreed to amend the decision pursuant to said Agreement. On April 25, 2006, the

Applicant filed a request for a major modification seeking corrections and modifications pursuant to the Agreement for Judgment. A Revised OSPD Special Permit was issued by the Planning Board on June 7, 2006 for a six lot OSPD with 8.19± acres of protected open space. In April 2008 a six (6) lot definitive subdivision was approved for this site including one (1) lot accommodating the existing home at 125 Jenks Street.

May 2008 – Sports Turf Specialties, Inc., Lot 6D Kenneth A. Miner Drive – A Site Plan Approval involving the construction of an 8,750 sf commercial building in the Cushing Industrial Park.

May 2008 – The Proctor Mansion Inn, 36 Common Street – Special Permits with Site Plan Approval to convert and restore the property into a Country Inn to re-capture the charm and grace of the main building, which was built in 1861; the master plan proposes to restore the existing rooms gradually over time, through a phased renovation, to a total of up to twelve (12) rentable rooms together with an elegant restaurant and dining room. The grounds surrounding the building are also envisioned to be restored gradually over time, converting the somewhat over-grown and neglected landscape into gardens, walks, terraces, and parking areas where visitors and members of the public may occasion to stroll, attend functions, and gain refreshment.

Ash Street Subdivision – The developer was cited by the Planning Board as being in default of its responsibilities to complete roadway and drainage improvements within the subdivision in August, 2007. Although several representatives of WVC contacted the Planning Board in between the time the Statement of Obligation was received and the date of the public hearing, substantial work was not performed in the subdivision. Therefore, on January 16, 2008, the Board opened a public hearing. An agreement was subsequently reached that all outstanding work would be completed by August, 2008.

Wampum Corner Corridor Project – In early 2008, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board worked together to acquire a \$50,000 grant from the Mass Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a Conceptual Master Plan (to provide affordable housing) for the Wampum Corner Corridor (South Street/Rte 1A from Rte 495 to West Street/Rte 121). The initiative included options for the reuse of the former Marra Property (675 South Street), evaluation of housing and infrastructure along the Corridor, and drafting of a conceptual master plan for future development along the Corridor based upon goals established in the Town's Master Plan and Housing Planned Production Plan.

The Town contracted with the consulting firms Concord Square Planning and Development, Inc. and Morris Beacon Design to conduct public workshops and from input received during the workshop, to prepare a master plan and any zoning amendments relative to the corridor. Two well-attended public workshops were held in May 2008. The project was not scheduled for completion until after the end of the 2008 Fiscal Year

Approval-Not-Required Plans

Nine such plans were endorsed, resulting in the creation or re-division of 10 lots within the community.

Other Business

Application fees collected during FY2007 totaled \$13,084.80. An additional \$29,348.46 was received from applicants for the hiring of engineering consultants to review drainage and other technical aspects of their proposals pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53G. Together with the balance of similar funds carried over from the previous fiscal year, the Planning Office administered the disbursement of \$35,603.73 during this period.

In April, Planning Board members Patrick Moore and Glen Pisani were re-elected. The rest of the Board is comprised of Bob Cohen, Joe Macrina, Jill Fallon, Everett (Bill) Skinner, and George Smith.

The Planning Office continues to be ably staffed by Town Planner Paige E. Duncan, AICP, and Administrative Assistant Diana Gray; the excellent support they provide is indispensable to the Board's work.

The Board welcomes public comments, participation, and recommendations concerning the Board's activities. The Board meets the first and third Wednesday's of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room at the Wrentham Town Hall. For information regarding meeting agendas or other questions, please call the Planning Office at 508 384-5441. Please also check our website at www.wrentham.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Moore, Chairman
Wrentham Planning Board

Report of the Police Department

Official Roster

Chief of Police

James E. Anderson

Lieutenants

Michael J. Robillard

William R. McGrath

Sergeants

Richard L. Mayhew

James Barrett

Jeffrey T. Smith

Patrolman

Robert B. O'Connell

Todd S. Schwalbe

Stephen W. Hearon

Barry R. McGrath

Scott Ellis

Christopher Cowley

Stephen P. Saulnier

George Labonte

Permanent Intermittent Officers

Edward Fitzgerald

Christopher Roode

William Leary

Jonathan Coliflores

David Rando

David Halloway

Special Police Officers

Paul A. Schwalbe

William L. Daniel

Richard J. Gillespie

Roland C. Rogers

Frederick S. True

Robert Forsythe

Secretary

Michelle Vekeman

IT Administrator/ Special Police Officer

Darrell True

I hereby submit the twelve month Report of the Police Department for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Wrentham Police Department experienced the retirement of long time Police Chief Joseph Collamati in November of 2007. Since that time there has been a change in leadership from Interim Police Chief Richard Gillespie to the current Chief of Police James Anderson.

The Department's staffing level has diminished from 20 full time officers in 2004 to our current level of 16 authorized full time officers. Though we are authorized for 16 full time officers, we are currently operating with 14 officers until staffing can be replenished.

The Police Department responded to 33,183 calls for service and building checks. Included in this total were 154 arrests and 24 people taken into protective custody. The Department processed 169 Licenses for firearms. A total of 2569 motorists were issued citations for traffic violations and an additional 333 parking tickets were issued.

The following revenues were generated for the Town as a result of Police activity:

Motor Vehicle, Non-Criminal & Court Fines	\$ 58,421.29
Parking Ticket Fines	\$ 15,745.00
Firearm Permits	\$ 14,900.00
Insurance Report Requests	\$ 600.00
Detail Administration Fees	\$ 23,273.00
Recovered costs of prosecutions and investigations	\$ 7,470.00
Cruiser Rental (Details)	\$ 20,790.00
Total	\$141,199.59

The Police Department was the beneficiary of four grants totaling \$ 50,828.80

Community Policing	\$38,000.00
Governor Highway Safety	\$ 6,444.50
911 Training Grant	\$ 5,000.00
NORPAC	\$ 695.80
Metro-Lec	\$ 688.50

The following is a breakdown of Department Activity for this fiscal period:

Accident	423	Alarms	611	Ambulance	1136
Animal Complaints	97	Arrests	154	Assault & Battery	35
Assist other Depts.	99	Bicycle Thefts	5	Bomb Scares	2
Break. & Enter	35	B & E Motor Vehicle	53	Building Checks	19247
Character Checks	335	Child Molesting	0	Court Summons	40
D.P.W. Calls	134	Disturbances	135	Disabled Vehicles	212
Domestic Disturb.	119	Open Doors & Win.	181	O.U.I.	28
Elderly Checks	24	Escorts	16	Firearms & Fireworks	29
Fire Dept. Calls	257	G.B.C.	10	Health Dept. Calls	0
Indecent Exposure	8	Info & Investigations	1934	Juvenile Complaints	107
Larceny Under \$250	113	Larceny Over \$250	253	Littering	26
Loitering	11	License Checks	892	Lockouts	207
Lost & Found	53	Message Delivery	30	Minor in Possession	6
Missing Person	15	Miss. Person Found	3	Narcotic Violations	22
Noise Complaints	43	Nuisance Phone Calls	34	Prowler Calls	0
Protective Custody	24	Rape Cases	3	Robbery	1
Stolen Vehicles	12	Stolen Veh. Recover.	6	Sudden Deaths	15
Suspicious Persons	126	Suspicious Vehicles	3123	Threats	49
By-Law Violations	0	Traffic Complaints	2116	Transfers	328
Trespassing	42	Utility Calls	25	Vandalism	129
V.I.N. Checks	10				
TOTAL	33183				

The Wrentham Police Department has adopted a community policing philosophy based on the concept that police and citizens work together to create a partnership to solve contemporary community problems related to crime and improve the quality of life of everyone who lives, works, or travels through Wrentham.

The Wrentham Police Department is embracing this philosophy and with the strategies that are in place, police officers will be seen on walking beats, on bicycle patrols, and on neighborhood walk and talks.

I encourage everyone in the community to fill out a Citizen Survey so we can measure our effectiveness and improve our delivery of services. We are determined to be more accessible to the public and empower citizens to be part of the solution. The Department's website can be accessed at <http://police.wrentham.ma.us>

Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to all of the officers and employees of the Wrentham Police Department, who dedicate themselves to the improvement of Wrentham's quality of life through safety and protection. Their selfless effort and commitment requires many personal sacrifices with families and friends that most people never witness nor understand. These dedicated men and women execute their duties in an efficient and professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,

James Anderson
Chief of Police

Report of the Public Health Nurses

As with past years the Public Health Nurses saw an increase in the number of residents in need of our services.

Home Visits - an average of 65 homebound residents were seen on a regular scheduled basis for a total of 1879 visits.

Office Visits - a total of 781 visits were made to our office at Town Hall. We provided blood pressure monitoring, glucose testing, cholesterol screenings, injection administration and health education.

Blood Pressure Clinics - these are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Senior Center for residents of any age. An average of 30 residents attended.

Maternal-Child Visits - 105 visits were made to new mothers within one month of birth.

Flu Clinics - We administered over 1100 doses in our office, home and clinics. Medicare Part B and Senior HMO insurance billing resulted in \$ 5,473 being placed in the Town's general fund.

Communicable Disease – in compliance with the Mass. General Laws all communicable diseases reports received by the Board of Health are investigated by the Public Health Nurses.

Vaccines - Up unto June we continued to pick up and deliver vaccines for all the providers in Town. This was changed to a national mail order program the end of June. MADPH inspected our vaccine program and once again were found deficiency free.

I would like to thank Board of Health members Dr. Ravindra Nadkarni, Dr. Leon Bruner, Nick Tobichuk III, Marion Cafferky (elected in April) and my co-workers Linda DeCotis R.N. and Judy Fenton R.N. for their continued support and help during the past year.

Sincerely,

Lynne Harrison R.N.
Senior Public Health Nurse

Report of the Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works wishes former Superintendent Robert J. Reardon well in his new endeavors. After almost thirteen years of service to the Town of Wrentham, Bob accepted a position with the State of Florida.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the Town's public roadways and sidewalks, storm water drainage system, the Town common and parks, general maintenance of the Town buildings, solid waste contract, shade trees, department vehicle maintenance, snow and ice control, and the municipal water system.

The Highway Division has worked at repairing over 25 failing catch basins, cleaned catch basins, done roadside mowing, performed field inspections at new subdivision roadways, trimmed or removed many dangerous or dead roadside trees, picked up trash, and patched potholes, to name a few tasks.

The Cemetery/Parks Division has maintained Sweatt Park and the three public cemeteries; performed 26 internments, 14 cremations, sold 29 grave lots, and installed 28 foundations.

The year's paving project was limited to repaving of Stoneybrook Lane.

In order to combat the approximately 17 winter storm events, the Department expended \$396,120.08 in Snow & Ice funds.

The Department's 18 full time employees strive to provide the best services possible to the residents of Wrentham.

The detailed report of the Water Division follows.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving A. Priest
Superintendent

Report of the Public Works Department - Water Division

Total gallons of water pumped:	407,239,500 gallons
Total hours pumps operated:	12,934.2 hours
Number of customer service calls:	1,225
Number of emergency water call backs:	43
Number of meters replaced:	201
Number of water main break and service leaks repaired:	16
Number of hydrants in use as of 6/30/08:	840
Number of water services as of 6/30/08:	3,628
Total amount of water revenue generated:	\$1,811,967.94

New water mains installed:

190 Industrial Road (Sprinkler Line)	6-in. Ductile Iron	300 feet
Kelsi Way	8-in. Ductile Iron	425 feet
Ridge Road (The Preserve at Oak Hill)	8-in. Ductile Iron	1,620 feet

Total feet of new water mains installed:	2,345 feet
Total miles of water main in use as of 6/30/08:	88.17 miles

PRECIPITATION REPORT

Month	Liquid	Snow
July 2007	2.91 in.	
August 2007	1.66 in.	
September 2007	2.21 in.	
October 2007	2.99 in.	
November 2007	3.05 in.	.25 in.
December 2007	5.82 in.	21.25 in.
January 2008	3.89 in.	10.00 in.
February 2008	8.33 in.	13.00 in.
March 2008	5.00 in.	3.00 in.
April 2008	4.35 in.	
May 2008	2.20 in.	
June 2008	2.16 in.	
TOTAL	44.57 in.	47.50 in.

John R. Manchester
Asst. Supt of Public Works &
Water Division Superintendent

Dean R. Johnson
Water Division Supervisor

Report of the Public Works Department - Water Division Revenue

Date: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008									Fiscal Year 2008				
Charges Committed & Billed									Monies Collected				
Month	Monthly, District & Final Usage	Final Reading Fee	Turn On/Off	Labor Repair	New Service	Sprinkler Fees	Cross Conn. Fees	Fines	Other Usage	Misc.	Permit	Entry Fee	Totals
JUL	104,888.44	400.00	25.00	132.66	785.20				620.00	755.63	200.00	2,500.00	110,306.93
AUG	143,331.11	150.00	60.00	87.10	374.35		50.00		600.00	2,856.58		2,500.00	150,009.14
SEP	153,950.76	275.00		193.82	434.78		5,600.00		640.00	78.94		5,000.00	166,173.30
OCT	176,644.05	225.00	60.00	306.75	308.70				84.00	595.59		5,000.00	183,224.09
NOV	235,566.00	250.00	105.00	126.51	778.80				496.00	217.94	150.00	5,000.00	242,690.25
DEC	197,412.40	100.00	295.00	60.46	631.70				824.00	172.00	650.00		200,145.56
JAN	129,214.40	75.00	35.00	160.24	270.70		2,650.00		484.00	608.00	50.00	2,500.00	136,047.34
FEB	123,113.60	125.00	101.00	38.00	76.00								123,453.60
MAR	110,614.60	105.00	50.00	104.61	119.24	34,500.00					50.00	2,500.00	148,043.45
APR	102,166.40	135.00	88.00	392.75	239.00					238.00	200.00	20,000.00	123,459.15
MAY	102,875.20	295.00	376.00	393.17	657.24					38.00	150.00	2,500.00	107,284.61
JUN	114,926.40	420.00	228.00	89.55	316.57						150.00	5,000.00	121,130.52
Totals:	1,694,703.36	2,555.00	1,423.00	2,085.62	4,992.28	34,500.00	8,300.00	0.00	3,748.00	5,560.68	1,600.00	52,500.00	1,811,967.94
TOTAL CHARGES COMMITTED & BILLED = \$1,748,559.26									TOTAL FEES COLLECTED = \$63,408.68				
GRAND REVENUE TOTAL = \$1,811,967.94													

Report of the Public Works Department - Pumping Stations

Date: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008									Fiscal Year : 2008			
Month	Pump #2		Pump #3		Pump #4		Pump #5		Pump #6		Total Hours	Total Gallons
	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours		
Jul-07	12,033,700	418	2,892,200	97	10,642,700	356	27,069,500	695	524,300	73.5	1,640.1	53,162,400
Aug-07	12,075,100	420.1	1,961,400	66.0	15,154,600	506.7	20,585,800	528.1	685,100	97.5	1,618.4	50,462,000
Sep-07	9,083,900	315.9	3,718,500	124.6	9,641,600	322.9	22,179,300	570.5	702,300	100.3	1,434.2	45,325,600
Oct-07	1,235,700	43.3	4,671,200	156.6	7,991,100	266.7	16,474,800	423.2	632,600	96.0	985.8	31,005,400
Nov-07	81,700	3.0	966,000	32.5	8,938,900	298.9	11,917,200	306.9	372,300	55.9	697.2	22,276,100
Dec-07	46,100	2.0	6,527,600	218.9	4,870,000	162.9	10,198,300	263.2	969,000	144.5	791.5	22,611,000
Jan-08	1,040,700	36.6	4,744,700	158.5	4,240,600	142.1	13,844,900	357.1	645,000	91.6	785.9	24,515,900
Feb-08	764,000	28.7	8,200	0.3	2,516,800	84.4	21,882,600	561.8	370,200	52.4	727.6	25,541,800
Mar-08	11,252,500	390.4	4,718,800	157.4	6,095,100	204.5	2,080,000	55.7	588,000	87.8	895.8	24,734,400
Apr-08	233,300	8.3	1,798,800	59.5	9,117,900	305.5	16,745,500	430.9	556,800	82.5	886.7	28,452,300
May-08	5,939,300	207.3	880,000	29.2	11,935,200	398.8	14,081,300	363.0	502,500	76.0	1,074.3	33,338,300
Jun-08	7,931,100	276.3	5,870,900	194.3	7,871,900	263.4	23,794,300	611.4	346,100	51.3	1,396.7	45,814,300
Totals	61,717,100	2,150.0	38,758,300	1,294.9	99,016,400	3,313.2	200,853,500	5,166.8	6,894,200	1,009.3	12,934.2	407,239,500

Report of the Recreation Department

Recreation Department enjoyed another positive year in regards to running programs for all age groups in Wrentham. Also, overseeing and maintaining all of our recreation facilities to provide a safe place for all people from the area to experience.

Facilities managed by Recreation include the following:

Sweatt Field
Sweatt Beach
Sweatt Park
William A. Rice Recreation Complex

Programs and Events managed by Recreation include the following:

Wrentham Youth Basketball
1st and 2nd Grade Sills Clinic – Basketball
Wrentham Flag Football
Concert on the Common (Sponsored by the Sweatt Fund)
Movie Night on the Common
Wrentham Day
Wrentham Wroad Wrace
Summer Playground
Senior Citizen and Town Employee Cookout (Sponsored by Eaglebrook Saloon)
Special Needs Summer Education
Aerobics

Organizations involved with our facilities include:

Wrentham Youth Baseball and Softball Association
Wrentham Youth Soccer Association
King Philip Youth Soccer Association
King Philip Youth Lacrosse Association
King Philip Regional High School
Wrentham Elementary Schools
Outside User Groups

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Plympton
Recreation Director

Report of the Wrentham Elementary School Superintendent

On behalf of the Wrentham School Committee and the entire Wrentham School Community, I submit our report for 2007-2008.

The 2007-2008 school year opened with an enrollment of 1,302 students in Preschool through Grade 6. The students in the Roderick School were fortunate enough to begin their year with new floors in the main hallways. The project was on time and under budget. The students and staff are thankful to the citizens of Wrentham that supported this important capital project.

Professional Development

The quality of our teachers and administrators is very important to the Wrentham Public Schools. The 2007-2008 school year was full of high quality professional development.

Teachers participated in “Open Circle” training; a program that focuses on social competency of our students. The goal is to have all teachers in Pre-K through 6 trained in this outstanding program. Teacher led professional development occurred in the areas of technology, reading, and data analysis.

Other professional development included:

- Eleven teachers were involved in an offsite graduate course
- Thirty-two teachers were involved in an onsite graduate course
- Ten teachers were cooperating teachers for college aged “teachers in training”.

Improvement Efforts

District wide improvement is also important to the staff of the Wrentham Public Schools. During the school year, many staff members participated in improvement committees. Each committee focused on agreed upon outcomes that targeted school improvement. During the 2007-2008 school year, teachers at each grade level revised their math curriculum. The new and improved math curriculum is focused on learning standards and student outcomes. The teachers presented the completed curriculum to the School Committee and it was adopted for implementation.

Accountability

Wrentham continues to show strong overall achievement scores on the MCAS. The entire school community is working diligently to improve student achievement, not only on state with testing but in everyday learning. The District continues to use test data to improve curriculum and instruction and we anticipate gains in the years to come.

The Spring 2008 results are as follows:

GRADE 06 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	13	14	26	
PROFICIENT	70	73	60	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	15	13	14	
WARNING	2	0	0	

GRADE 04 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	4	13	16	
PROFICIENT	48	52	49	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	41	31	34	
WARNING	7	4	1	

GRADE 06 MATHEMATICS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	16	29	26	
PROFICIENT	42	47	43	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	32	15	25	
WARNING	11	9	6	

GRADE 04 MATHEMATICS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	5	26	26	
PROFICIENT	24	34	34	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	59	34	35	
WARNING	12	6	5	

GRADE 05 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	36	22	29	
PROFICIENT	47	57	53	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	16	19	17	
WARNING	1	2	2	

GRADE 03 READING				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ABOVE PROFICIENT	20	21	16	
PROFICIENT	51	55	50	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	26	24	31	
WARNING	2	1	4	

GRADE 05 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	46	17	34	
PROFICIENT	37	49	37	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	17	31	26	
WARNING	1	3	3	

GRADE 03 MATHEMATICS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ABOVE PROFICIENT	6	36	33	
PROFICIENT	60	46	37	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	26	18	24	
WARNING	8	1	6	

GRADE 05 MATHEMATICS				
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	
ADVANCED	26	19	32	
PROFICIENT	36	47	35	
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	32	28	26	
WARNING	7	6	7	

In an effort to generate additional revenue to provide the best learning experiences for our students, we formed a non-profit foundation called the Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust (WEST). WEST has already provided grants to teachers for innovative programming that is not funded by the local/state school budget. During the 2007-2008 school year, WEST was able to fund over \$2,000 in teacher grants. We anticipate more fundraising in the future.

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank the citizens of Wrentham for the wonderful support of education. The children greatly benefit from the importance you all place on educating our future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Marsden
Superintendent of Wrentham Elementary School

Report of the Wrentham Elementary School - Principals

We are pleased to submit our annual report which includes the staffing, enrollment, and programs implemented at the Wrentham Public Schools during the 2007 – 2008 school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Wrentham Public Schools School Council was comprised of the following members during 2007 – 2008:

Melissa D. Peterson (Principal)
Stephen S. Grenham (Principal)
Jeanne Nickerson (Parent)
Ann Marie Adelsberger (Parent)
Karen Khung (Parent)
Roberta Hugus-Cohen (Parent)
Elaine Clark (Community Representative)
Mary Bullock (Teacher)
Judy Stanford (Teacher)

The following goals/beliefs were identified and completed during the past year:

- Providing teachers and staff members' professional development.
- Keeping parents informed of upcoming events and providing them with pertinent information.
- Providing a safe learning environment to all students through the Code of Conduct and Security.
- Promoting Character Education & Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE).
- Extra Curricular Activity for all students.
- Providing for the individual needs of the many diverse learners attending Wrentham Elementary.
- The alignment of the W.P.S. curricula with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.
- Promoting continued technological advancements for all of our students.
- Providing a welcoming environment for all parents, guardians, and guests, who are volunteering or visiting our school.
- Provide all students in grades 4-6 with an opportunity to participate in the instrumental music program and the chorus.

ENROLLMENT AND STAFF

We began the 2007 – 2008 school year with one thousand three hundred two (1,302) students divided into nine Preschool classes, eight kindergartens, eight first grades, eight second grades, nine third grades, eight fourth grades, eight fifth grades, and eight sixth grades. We said goodbye to Pat Connolly (Special Education Teacher).

New staff members for 2007 – 2008 included: Sheena Acosta-Frizzell (Grade 5), Diana Cederbaum (Grade 6), Erin Bognanno (Kindergarten), Nancy Boutin (Special Education), and Stephanie Williams (Preschool).

Wrentham Public Schools PTO

Our PTO was extremely active providing a Fall Fundraiser, Original Artworks, year-round Soup Labels/Box Tops/Ink Cartridges collections, Halloween Costume Party, Frosty's Wish, Read Across Wrentham, 2nd & 3rd grade Boys' Movie Night, 2nd & 3rd grade Girls' Valentine's Dance, Book Fairs, Disability Awareness. Spring Fundraiser, 4th and 5th grade Sports Night, week-long Staff Appreciation days, Memorial Day/Special Person's Day, Art Gallery, Annual Art Show, 6th grade Graduation, 6th grade Yearbook, 6th grade Yearbook Celebration.

Our Board of Directors for 2007 – 2008 was as follows:

President – Kelly Foxx
Vice President – Diana Zeller
Treasurer – Laurie Ellis
Secretary – Tracy Sullivan
Teacher Representative – Judy Maxwell

CONCLUSION

Our quest for excellence at the Wrentham Public Schools can only be realized through the collaborative efforts of our many contributors. We are fortunate enough to receive the unwavering support of the following benefactors: the Wrentham Public Schools School Committee, Dr. Marsden, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Kebler, and Mr. Sheppard. Our staff and parents always work as a unified force on behalf of our students. Mrs. Linda Chambers, Mrs. Toni Rando, Mrs. Donna Lalos, and Mrs. Rhonda Granchelli (secretaries) and Mrs. Midge Hooper (nurse) are superior performers on whom we can depend implicitly.

We conclude this year's report by publicly recognizing and thanking Midge Hooper (School Nurse), Louise Kirkpatrick (Grade 2), Faith Williams (Grade 1), Linda Purpura (technology teacher), and Dave Pickering (Grade 5 Teacher) for their years of continuous excellence on behalf of our community. All of these educators will be greatly missed at the Wrentham Public Schools, but we are all proud and happy for them as they embark on their much deserved retirement. They will certainly be missed.

Report of the Wrentham Elementary School - School Committee

The Wrentham Elementary School Committee is comprised of five members, elected at large concurrently for a three year term. For the school year FY08/09, our current committee members are Kim Carr (chairman), Michelle Rouse (vice chairman), Jamie Bender (secretary), Caron Ketchum (KP Representative), and Debbie Webster (policy sub). As per staff law and town charter, the school committee has charge of the Wrentham Public Schools, pre-k through sixth grade.

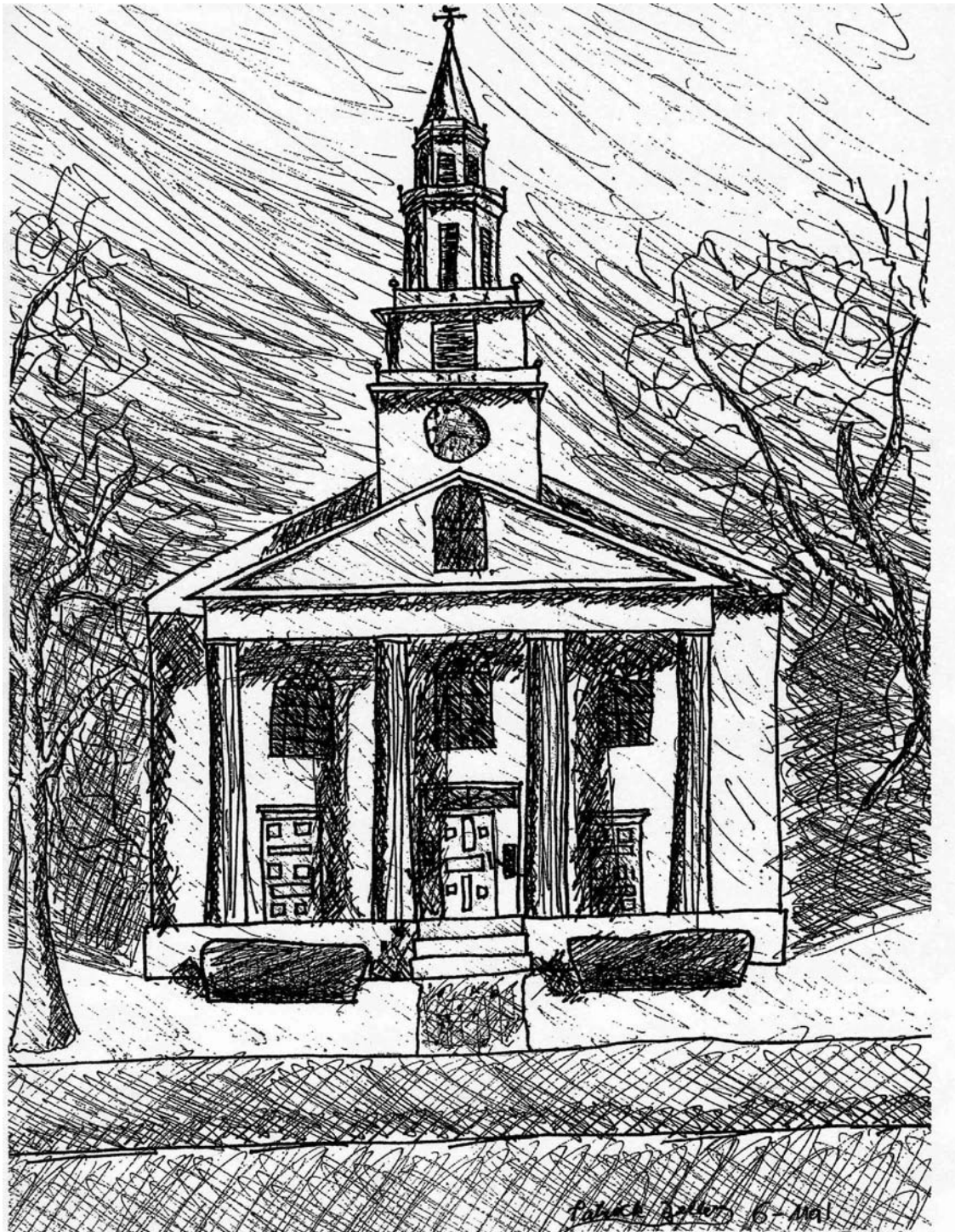
The primary role of the School Committee is to establish educational goals and policies for the schools in our district, consistent with the requirement of law and statewide goals and standards established by the Massachusetts Board of Education. Our budget priorities for FY08/FY09 are:

- High academic achievement for all students
- Excellence in teaching
- Enhance early childhood education
- Increase revenue generation

The School Committee is responsible for review and approval of the school system's annual budget. The budget is developed to support the districts' educational priorities and other system needs. The operating budget for FY08/09 was approved in June 2008. The School Committee voted to expand learning opportunities for high achieving students through the GATE Program, supported/expanded special education programs through a partnership with NECC and reintroduced Spanish to students grades one thru six.

The Superintendent of Schools is hired by the School Committee to serve as the educational advisor and chief executive officer in charge of overseeing the administration of the school system in a manner that is consistent with district goals and policies. Under the current Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Marsden, Wrentham Public Schools has generated increased revenue to offset the decrease in state and federal aid for public education. Facility usage revolving fund, Grant acquisitions and Medicaid reimbursement are three ways Dr. Marsden has succeeded in generating additional funding. The Wrentham Public School Trust Inc., (WEST) was also lead by Dr. Marsden, Michelle Rouse, Jaime Bender, and Caron Ketchum and several other committed parents to establish a foundation for the elementary school.

The School Committee will continue to work hard to establish educational goals, policies and maintain an annual budget, to provide each student with the knowledge and skills to reach his or her full potential.



This illustration drawn by Patrick Zeller, Grade 6, Roderick Elementary School

Report of the King Philip Regional High School District Superintendent

Norfolk – Plainville – Wrentham

Students and staff of the King Philip Regional School completed a year filled with new experiences and with many individual and group accomplishments. On Saturday, October 13, 2007, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held marking the completion of the high school building project. Representatives from the student body, town officials, teaching staff, and the school committee spoke to those in attendance. This new facility, along with the middle school, allows the district to offer its students academic experiences no longer limited by outdated equipment and physical space. In a rapidly changing world, the high school and middle school now offer new and/or modified course offerings. The school district has also expanded its capabilities to communicate more directly with parents/guardians through its Connect-Ed capabilities and student information management programs. The expectation is that more timely communication will enhance student learning through increased interaction among students, parents, and teachers. The percentage of students attending post-graduate education continues to increase. Student extracurricular and co-curricular participation also continue to grow as each school expands its offerings.

The budget deliberations that ended with town meetings in June resulted in a reduction of seven current teaching positions. As the economy appears to be worsening, the extended educational opportunities provided to our students will be seriously affected. The working relationship, however, between the regional school district and the citizens of the three towns remains positive. The residents of the three towns should be proud of their young people and the contributions they make to enhance the quality of life we expect in our community.

Student Academic Achievements

Students at the high school are recognized for their outstanding academic work through selection to a variety of high school honor societies: (National Honor Society, Art National Honor Society, French Honor Society, History Honor Society, and Science Honor Society). Each of the honor societies also engages in community service activities during the year.

Our students continue to earn accolades for their outstanding academic performances. Seven students received Letters of Commendation for their test scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for their outstanding PSAT scores. These students include Katrina Crocker, Harrison David, Stephanie Fontana, Kathryn Higgins, Julia LoPresti, and Robert Poisson. Cayla Saret was identified as a national Merit Semi-finalist, and eligible to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

The commonwealth recognizes the achievements of students on the MCAS by providing up to 25% of students in a graduating class each year the opportunity to receive free tuition at Massachusetts state colleges and universities. Eighty-six (86) members of the senior class were eligible for the Adams Scholarships. Based on SAT, AP, and MCAS results, over 140 students were eligible for Koplik awards, also providing for free tuition at state colleges and universities.

Every student enrolled in the high school's Research in Science course were invited to submit their full research paper to the junior Science and Humanities Symposium. This enables students to become eligible for scholarships based on the results of their submittals.

Students enrolled in foreign language courses are eligible to take nationally competitive exams in the language(s) they study. Of the 85 students who participated in the National Latin Exam, 52 received awards for their achievement. Gold Medals (*Summa Cum Laude*) were awarded in Latin II to Brett Ewer, Katherine Goldberg, Christopher Hoye, Caroline Ouimet, and Laura Piccione; in Latin I to Jillian Boylan, Aaron Lumnah, Justin Saret, and Elizabeth Williams. Five of our students who took the National French Exam appeared in the top eleven in scores nationally: Sarah Shipley (1st in French 2); Carol Langhauser (7th in French 2) Samantha Swartzendruber (10th in French 2); Caitlin Stetter (7th in French 3) and Ariel Borthman (10th in French III). Twelve additional students were recognized for placing among the top twenty scores at the state level.

The high school DECA program continues to be among the best in the country, and the top-rated program in the Northeast. Of the 82 students who competed in the regional conference in Mansfield, MA, seventy were eligible to compete at the state level conference held in Boston. Twenty of those students qualified for the 2008 International DECA Career Development Conference, held in Atlanta, GA. Dan McKinney and Matt Schoenewolf earned bronze medals at the conference for the International Business Plan project. Between 150 to 170 students from the U.S., Canada, and several other countries participate at this national conference.

The Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards recipients included Daisy Alioto, Silver Key in painting "Shadow on a Subway"; Elizabeth Keyes, Silver Key in Colored Pencil; and Emma Tuminelli, Silver Key in Photography. Two additional students also received honorable mention: (Stephanie Lewis, Photography, Nicholas Pini, Pastels). Art students took the first three places in the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Poster Contest (Nick Pini, first place; Lily Keyes, second place, Suzanne Harkins, third place).

High School junior Jessica Melanson went to Middlebury College for four days to participate in the New England Young Writers Conference for excellence in writing. Students in the Television Production program won the prestigious Fox News 24 "Critics Choice" Award. Eight high school students received recognition from the Boston/New England Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The award winners included Sara Clark, James Connelly, Tom O'Brien, Mary Frances McIsaac, Steph Lewis, Abby Lambert, Steph Primavera, and Zack Cox. The Television Production program continues to be one of the signature programs of the high school offering students experiences that allow them to compete for slots at the best college communications programs in the country.

Numerous local scholarships and awards are presented at the annual Awards Night each spring. Scholarship awards this year totaled close to \$62,000. We are thankful that so many individuals and organizations provide our students with awards that help to defray their college expenses.

Please see the appendices for further student achievement data.

Physical Facilities

The second phase of the high school project was completed by August of 2007. The high school staff and students moved into the newly completed wing of the high school that included art rooms, music rooms, a DECA classroom, a new school store, the 850 seat auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium, and administrative offices. Renovation to the stadium included the installation of new track and field facilities as well as new bleachers. The restoration of the baseball and softball fields was also completed. Parking for 650 cars is now available.

The school district building committee, chaired by George Cronin and Clare Sullivan, did an excellent job with its oversight of the two building projects. Both projects were completed within their budgets and within the established timelines. The phasing of the high school project minimized disruptions to the high school's daily operations. The architect, Dore & Whittier (for both projects), and the general contractors (Bacon Construction for the middle school and Consigli Construction Company for the high school) provided the expertise and the quality leadership required to meet the expectations of the citizens of the school district's three towns. Daedalus Projects provided the highly qualified construction management team that oversaw the high school project.

Overall, the new facilities have provided our staff and students with unequalled opportunities to experience exciting opportunities to teach and to learn through the availability of new technologies and new facilities.

Course Offerings

The school district regularly reviews its course offerings to ensure that its students are in the best possible position to receive outstanding experiences that expand their academic skills and enable them to compete, at the highest level, for post-graduate educational and employment opportunities. We offer programs that provide logical transitions from Grade 7 through Grade 12. The middle school has expanded its writing program to ensure that Grade 7 students have an excellent introduction to the skills of writing. In the second year of the changes to the foreign language program, the foreign language department continued to make adjustments to the content of its second and third year courses. By the 2010-2011 school year, Advanced Placement offerings in French and Spanish will, once again, be available to high school students. The program of studies for the next school year includes two additions at the high school: Advanced Placement Psychology and Introduction to Acting. The program of studies for next year also includes more explicit descriptors of levels: Level 1 becomes Honors; Level 2 becomes College Preparatory; Level 3 becomes Essential College Prep. These descriptors provide more clearer expectations of teachers, students, and parents.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Students are offered a wide range of co-curricular activities. Both schools have Student Councils that provide leadership and sponsorship of school activities and community service activities. The high school Student Council and senior class co-sponsor a holiday party for students from a selected city elementary school. The high school's SADD group continues its cooperation with Franklin High School with its annual Walk of Tears.

Our students compete in a wide variety of competitions that reflect their academic and co-curricular talents. The high school math team competed successfully in league, regional and state competitions.

The school district's Fine and Performing Arts program continues to provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents. High school students in the drama program won awards the Theater Odyssey held in Waterville Valley, NH. Three performances were held in front of enthusiastic audiences in the new auditorium this year: *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, *Don't Dress for Dinner*, a play directed by senior Katie Mikalayunas, and *Mr. Hobbs Vacation*. Middle school students presented three performances of *Seussical Jr* to enthusiastic audiences in the sold-out middle school auditorium.

The school district's music program continues to excel at many levels. The marching band capped another outstanding season with an outstanding performance at Giants Stadium. The band was awarded Best Percussion, Best Color Guard, and Best Music for Division IV. In state competitions, the middle school seventh and eighth grade symphony bands and the high school symphony band received gold medals. All three bands were invited to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston. The indoor percussion group won its second consecutive Open Class New England Championship. The winter color guard won its first ever EMASS Open Class Championship as well as the WGI New England Regional Championship. Both the indoor guard and the indoor percussion groups made the scholastic open finals in the International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

Six high schools students were selected to participate in the All-State Music Concert and Conference. They include Patrick Andrea (tenor saxophone), Patrick Bergerson (trumpet), Alex Huth (tenor saxophone), Rachel Miller (trombone), Christopher Palmer (trombone), and Dan Young (baritone sax).

The district's athletic teams remain very competitive in the Hockomock League and state tournaments. The high school has 46 different teams with an average of 425 student-athletes who participate each season. Approximately 50% of all high school students participate on at least one team. Girls' volleyball was added to the athletic program, competing during the fall season. The golf team and girls' soccer team qualified for the state tournament. Boys' soccer, field hockey, and cross country teams, all under new coaches, set the stage for successful records in upcoming years. The football team continues to be competitive. The winter season athletic teams had excellent participation and effort. Brian Toney in track, Conner David and Donald McNeil in wrestling, had exceptional successes at the league and state levels of competition. The ice hockey team finished second in the league, and competed in the state tournament.

The spring teams, overall, had outstanding seasons. Four teams won league championships and six teams went to the state tournament. The girls' lacrosse team won its sixth consecutive league title. The boys' lacrosse team, for the second time, also captured the league title. The softball team won its second straight league championship, and reached the south sectional semi-finals. The baseball team had a winning season, and won two games in the state tournament. The girls' tennis team finished its regular season undefeated, winning the league title, and advancing to the south sectional quarterfinals. The boys' tennis team finished second in the league (17-3), and also went as far as the quarterfinals in the tournament. The track teams held the school's first home track meets in nine years on a new track and field complex. Both teams had individual standouts that competed at state meets.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (the governing body for Massachusetts high school athletics) recognized two of the high school's student-athletes with the MIAA Good Sportsmanship Award: Donald McNeil, for ignoring negative remarks aimed towards him during a wrestling match; Connor David for presenting his wrestling tournament medal to the family of another wrestler who had been killed in an accident. Connor also received the 2008 National High School Spirit of Sport Award his actions.

Staff Recognition and Academic Programs

Several teachers received recognition for their contributions to student learning. Christine Henrich, middle school history/social science teacher and curriculum team leader, received a Teacher of the Year award from the Norfolk County Teachers Association. Kathy Elich, a high school biology teacher, received two grants from the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation that provide students with experiences in the many fields within biotechnology. Ms. Elich also is a member of the state-wide committee that helps to develop the Biology MCAS assessment. Joanne Mongeon received a Certificate of Achievement because of her students' participation in Massachusetts Letters About Literature 2008. Kathy DeLuca, a high school mathematics teacher, was selected as the Massachusetts Maritime Academy 2008 STEM Teacher Award. She was nominated, by a 2007 graduate of the high school who currently attends Massachusetts Maritime Academy, for her "positive influence on that person's life and inspiring him to pursue a career in science or mathematics. High school biology teacher Loreen Meyers was elected secretary of the Massachusetts Association of Biology Teachers. She has been actively involved in state-wide biology education initiatives for several years. MaryBeth Runyon and Lynn Smith, middle school mathematics teachers, were selected to make a presentation of their innovative strategies to the National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics next fall.

Staff Changes

The school district hired new staff for the school year 2007-2008 due to retirements, resignations, program requirements, as well as increases in the high school's enrollment.

The staff who retired in June of 2008 and their years of service include Janice Acquafresca (32 years, middle school mathematics), Donna Dwight (32 years, middle school counselor) Nancy Kovar (30 years, middle school science), Tim Mitchell (7 years, high school mathematics), Marie Raymond (35 years, high school business/information technology) Constance Ryan (36 years, high school English/Language Arts), and Nancy Tower (30 years, high school art).

Staff Development

For several years, the teaching staff has worked to develop skills to enhance their analysis of assessments (tests, projects, performances, products) of student work. The goal of this process is to improve student learning. Teachers are asked to look at the results of common assessments, to share the results with colleagues, and to discuss the progression of instructional strategies prior to the assessments. Ultimately, staff will examine their instructional strategies and develop best practices based on conversations with their colleagues about the strategies that lead to successful results on the assessments.

Student Enrollment History

The following table shows the apportionment percentages and number of Wrentham students enrolled in the King Philip schools during the last ten (10) years. These percentages also reflect Wrentham's apportionment of the King Philip Regional School District budget. The total school population over the last ten (10) years also continues to increase. The table below includes the district's total student enrollment based on the annual October 1 reports submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Town of Wrentham Enrollment History 1999 – 2008
Wrentham Students Enrolled in King Philip Regional School District

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Apportionment Percent	39.09%	39.64%	40.01%	41.22%	40.43%	39.13%	39.83%	39.58%	38.75%	39.81%
Wrentham Enrollment	611	664	685	742	760	765	791	803	804	841
Total District Enrollment	1563	1675	1712	1800	1880	1955	1986	2029	2075	2138

High School Student Enrollment and Class Size

The following three tables represent the changes in regular education class size at the high school. The first table shows changes in staffing and student enrollment since the school year 2002-2003. It presents the high school's increase in enrollment, the net increase in regular education teachers, and the change in average class size. Though the high school enrollment has increased by 163 students, the high school staff has decreased by 1.7 full-time positions and average class size has increased by three students. This past year, the district was able to fund four additional teachers at the high school. These additions helped to reduce the impact of increases in enrollment on average class size.

Table 1.
Changes in High School Regular Education Enrollment, Staffing,
and Class Size 2002-2003 to 2007-2008

	School Year 2002-2003	School Year 2007-2008	Change
Number of Students	1089	1252	163
Number of High School Regular Education Teachers	69.6	67.9	-1.7
Average Class Size	20.3	23.4	3.1

Table 2 breaks down the changes by each department at the high school from 2002-2003 (the year prior to major reductions high school staff) through 2007-2008.

Table 2.
High School Average Class Size by Department - 2002-2003 to 2007-2008

	2002 - 2003 Average Class Size	2003 - 2004 Average Class Size	2004 - 2005 Average Class Size	2005 - 2006 Average Class Size	2006 - 2007 Average Class Size	2007 - 2008 Average Class Size
Art	20.0	24.3	23.6	26.0	25.2	26.1
Engineering/Design	18.0	16.5	20.6	19.4	25.0	28.5
English/Language Arts	18.9	20.6	23.3	22.8	23.3	22.4
Foreign Languages	20.2	21.0	22.4	22.1	24.6	22.0
Health & PE	24.6	31.1	25.5	24.9	24.9	25.6
History/Social Sciences	21.5	24.1	23.4	24.6	26.3	23.6
Information Technology	16.4	19.4	23.4	22.8	22.1	22.7
Mathematics	19.4	21.5	23.3	23.3	23.2	22.2
Music	25.2	26.5	30.7	29.2	30.3	28.8
Sciences	20.7	20.7	23.8	22.0	22.3	21.9
Television Production	20.0	21.0	24.2	22.1	26.9	30.8
School-wide	20.3	22.5	23.6	23.4	24.0	23.7

Table 3 represents the percent of class sections that have a range of students enrolled in those class sections at the high school.

Table 3. Number and Percent of Sections by Size of Section and
Number of Regular Education Teachers and Average Class Size By School Year

Number of Students Per Size of Section	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
	Percent of Sections	Percent of Sections	Percent of Sections	Percent of Sections	Percent of Sections	Percent of Sections
Less than 10	5.1	2.8	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.0
10-14	12.7	8.1	5.4	5.1	5.8	7.6
15-19	19.6	13.7	10.3	10.5	12.5	14.4
20-24	43.8	33.1	37.0	37.8	28.6	33.2
25-29	17.3	33.3	39.9	41.1	36.3	29.6
30+	1.5	9.0	6.3	8.3	15.6	14.2
Total Teachers	69.6	63.6	63.4	64.0	63.9	67.9
Average Class Size	20.3	22.5	23.6	23.4	24.0	23.7

On behalf of the School Committee, thank you for your support we strive to provide a level of education that provides our students with exceptional opportunities to succeed in subsequent stages of their lives.

Respectfully,



Richard J. Robbat
Superintendent of Schools

Appendix

Student Data

The following tables represent some of the accomplishments of our students. The data will change from year to year because of the variables attributed to each class. The data, however, may represent some trends that are helpful.

Post High School Graduation Plans

The Post High School Graduation Plans table is based on the responses of seniors to the Guidance Department's annual Senior Class Survey. Within the "Total Four Year Colleges" row, there are changes in the percentage of students who attend public and private colleges. Reasons for these changes are unclear, though often there is a relationship to the economy. The 92.9 percent of students from the Class of 2008 who indicated they will pursue higher education after graduation reflects the highest percentage in the history of the school, based on available information.

King Philip Regional High School Student Post-Graduate Plans by Type of Plan and Year of Graduation

	Class of 2001 (N = 221)	Class of 2002 (N = 232)	Class of 2003 (N = 230)	Class of 2004 (N = 259)	Class of 2005 (N=237)	Class of 2006 (N=267)	Class of 2007 (N=265)	Class of 2008 (N=295)
Four Year Public	37.1%	32.3%	36.5%	31.7%	38.4%	47.2%	40.0%	40.0%
Four Year Private	<u>41.2%</u>	<u>39.3%</u>	<u>33.9%</u>	<u>43.6%</u>	<u>41.8%</u>	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>41/5%</u>	<u>38.0%</u>
Total Four Year Colleges	78.3%	71.6%	70.4%	75.3%	80.2%	80.5%	81.5%	78.0%
Total Two Year Colleges	8.6%	12.5%	7.4%	8.1%	9.3%	8.2%	8.7%	10.8%
Total Other Education	0.9%	3.0%	4.3%	3.9%	0.8%	2.2%	1.9%	4.1%
Total Post High School Education	87.8%	87.1%	82.1%	87.3%	90.3%	91.0%	92.1%	92.9%
Military	1.4%	1.7%	2.2%	0.4%	2.5%	1.1%	2.3%	1.0%
Employment	6.8%	7.3%	6.1%	1.5%	3.8%	6.4%	2.3%	3.7%
Undecided	4.1%	3.9%	9.6%	10.8%	3.4%	1.5%	3.0%	2.4%

Average SAT I Results

The next table shows the SAT I results (the initial college aptitude exam taken by most students in this part of the country) as compared to state results. The average scores continue to reflect average scores well over the state average. The drop in scores in 2006 nationally and state-wide are being attributed to the inclusion of a writing portion of the SAT I and, as a result, a test that is takes about two hours longer to complete.

King Philip Regional High School
A Comparison of King Philip Average SAT I Results to Average State Results
By Year and by Subject

Year	Reading			Math		
	KP Results	State Results	Difference	KP Results	State Results	Difference
2001	545	511	+34	527	515	+12
2002	530	512	+18	520	516	+4
2003	543	516	+27	537	522	+15
2004	544	518	+26	539	523	+16
2005	562	520	+42	564	527	+37
2006	543	513	+30	548	518	+30
2007	531	513	+18	535	522	+13
2008	522	514	+8	517	525	(8)

MCAS and No Child Left Behind

By 2014, under current federal No Child Left Behind regulations, all students minimally must achieve a “Proficient” score in a state sanctioned test which, in the case of Massachusetts, is MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System). As a school district, we evaluate the progress of our students with that in mind. “All students” includes those subgroups identified in the regulations, including income groups, racial minorities, and special education students. District MCAS results include special education students who are the financial responsibility of the King Philip Regional School District and whose schooling takes place outside the district (public special education collaboratives, private school day programs, and private school residential programs.)

The next set of tables show each school’s MCAS results since 2004, with the Class of 2008 the sixth graduating class required to achieve a minimum competency score of “Needs Improvement” in Grade 10 English Language Arts **and** Grade 10 Mathematics for eligibility to graduate from high school. A key indicator of improvement during the first several years of testing is the combined percentage of students who score in the Advanced and Proficient competency levels. The staffs at both schools spend considerable time with the data and discuss the implications of the data for teaching strategies and curriculum modifications.

Percentage of Students Scoring at Each Performance Level
By Grade, Subject Area, and Performance Level
2004 – 2008

GRADE 10 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS						GRADE 10 MATHEMATICS					
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ADVANCED	33	36	22	41	40	ADVANCED	42	47	44	45	49
PROFICIENT	53	53	67	49	49	PROFICIENT	37	32	34	34	33
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	12	10	9	10	16	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	18	17	18	15	16
FAILING	2	0	1	0	1	FAILING	3	4	4	6	1

GRADE 10 SCIENCE (Biology)				GRADE 8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS			
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2007	2008		PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008
ADVANCED	4	21		ADVANCED	14	11	11
PROFICIENT	40	55		PROFICIENT	72	73	74
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	40	19		NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	12	13	12
FAILING	16	5		FAILING	2	3	4

GRADE 8 MATHEMATICS						GRADE 8 SCIENCE					
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ADVANCED	13	13	13	19	19	ADVANCED	6	3	6	2	0
PROFICIENT	35	35	37	36	39	PROFICIENT	32	33	41	42	51
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	40	36	35	31	28	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	47	49	39	44	41
FAILING	12	16	15	14	14	FAILING	18	18	16	16	8

Grade 7

GRADE 7 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS						GRADE 7 MATHEMATICS			
PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008
ADVANCED	15	11	17	11	14	ADVANCED	17	23	18
PROFICIENT	67	68	65	74	68	PROFICIENT	44	49	45
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	14	19	16	13	16	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	29	21	25
FAILING	3	2	2	2	2	FAILING	11	8	13

Advanced Placement Results

Advanced Placement courses are offered to our high school students. Successful completion of these courses as well as a grade of three (3) to a maximum of five (5) on nationally administered exams (each May) in the subject areas of these courses may result in a student receiving credit for a college level course or the waiving of a college course requirement. The opportunities for credit or a waiver vary college by college and also by subject area.

During the last five years, the following courses have been added: U.S. Government and Politics (2003), Statistics (2003), Physics (2004), and World History (2008). Other Advanced Placement course offerings include Art 2D Design, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Microeconomics, Music Theory, and United States History.

Of the last four classes that graduated from King Philip Regional High School, 376 students (or 36%) took AP Exams.

Percent of Graduating Class Taking Advanced Placement Exams
by Year of Graduation
2002 - 2008

Student Enrollment	Class of 2002	Class of 2003	Class of 2004	Class of 2005	Class of 2006	Class of 2007	Class of 2008
Number of Graduating Seniors	237	230	259	237	267	265	272
Number in Class Who Took AP Exams	47	58	76	108	92	88	88
Percent of Graduating Class	20%	25%	29%	46%	34%	33%	32%

Students who take three (3) or more exams are eligible to be recognized as an AP Scholar, an AP Scholar with Honors; an AP Scholar with Distinction; or a National Scholar, based on their individual test results. The following table represents the number and percent of students who have received honors for their test scores. The criteria for each award are:

AP Scholar:	students who receive a grade of 3 or higher on three (3) or more AP exams
AP Scholar with Honors:	students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four (4) or more these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction:	students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five (5) or more these exams.
National AP Scholar:	students who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams

Number of Students Achieving Advanced Placement Recognition
by Award, Percentage within Each Classification, and
by Year of Graduation

Category of Awards	Class of 2002	Class of 2003	Class of 2004	Class of 2005	Class of 2006	Class of 2007	Class of 2008
	(N=6)	(N=15)	(N=22)	(N=22)	(N=32)	(N=28)	(N=24)
AP Scholar:							
Number of Students	5	8	13	14	16	8	9
Percent of Students	83%	53%	59%	64%	50%	29%	38%
AP Scholar with Honors:							
Number of Students	1	7	3	1	5	5	5
Percent of Students	17%	47%	14%	4%	16%	18%	21%
AP Scholar with Distinction:							
Number of Students	0	0	6	7	11	15	9
Percent of Students	0%	0%	27%	32%	34%	54%	38%
National Scholar:							
Number of Students	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Percent of Students	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%

Report of the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District

In July, 2008, the School Committee reorganized and elected the following officers: Chair, Henry McDeed (North Attleboro), Vice Chair, Donald Seymour (Norfolk) and Secretary, Jonathan Dowse, (Sherborn).

The School Committee conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the school. Sub-committee meetings are scheduled as needed.

As a result of student performance on the 2008 HSTW Assessment in reading, mathematics, and science, and coupled with the school's effort to offer rigorous coursework in core academic classes as well as career technical programs, and through its continuing commitment to the ten key practices of High Schools That Work, the Southern Regional Education Board has named Tri-County RVTHS a Pacesetter School for 2008-2010. This marks the second time that the school has received the Pacesetter designation. Tri-County was the only Massachusetts school so honored. Thirty-three of the 68 students who participated in the assessment received the High Schools That Work Award of Excellence, and each received a cash award from Dean Bank Scholar's program at Honors Night ceremonies

Only 25 schools in the HSTW network, and only 4 vocational technical high schools received the Pacesetter designation at the Summer Staff Development Conference in Nashville, TN, on July 9, 2008. Paul Trovato, HSTW Site Committee Chair, accepted the award.

Senior students in the math statistics course participated in the first National Financial Literacy Assessment. Among 46,000 students nationwide, Tri-County scored in the top 25% nationally. Also, as a member of the Continental Math League, Tri-County freshmen participated in a series of contests throughout the year. For the first time ever, Tri-County students scored first in the New England/Canada region on these assessments.

Beginning in September, 2008, all academic courses have a College Preparatory or higher designation. All resource/skills classes for students with IEP's have been eliminated, and those students are included in College Preparatory courses, with the support of special education consultants and/or paraprofessionals, who assist the regular education teacher in ensuring that students' learning accommodations are met.

Graduation

On June 8, 2008, 182 students graduated in an impressive afternoon ceremony. Superintendent-Director Barbara A. Renzoni, presided over the ceremony while Paul Carbone, Chairman of the Tri-County School Committee, delivered the welcoming address to more than 1,000 guests. Jean Mallon, Director of Guidance, presented scholarships and awards totaling \$61,100 to deserving seniors.

Guidance & Special Education Services

In September 2007, Tri-County welcomed 916 students to the new school year. The respective number of students from member towns is as follows: Franklin 179, Medfield 13, Medway 60, Millis 52, Norfolk 38, North Attleboro 244, Plainville 73, Seekonk 63, Sherborn 2, Walpole 58, and Wrentham 77. Also, 57 students were enrolled from out-of-district towns.

During the 2007-2008 school year the Guidance Department continued its programs to provide information to students, parents, sending schools and District communities. The Department provided counseling for students regarding career pathways and post-secondary education. Safe and Drug Free presentations were offered to students school-wide. The Guidance Department, with the assistance of personnel from Dean College and MEFA, presented programs on college preparation. Tri-County hosted Career Days for over 2,500 Grade 8 students from the Regional District.

Guidance services include the development of a 4-year career plan for students in grades 9 through 12. The career plans are reviewed with parents at the annual parent-student-guidance counselor conference. College planning is enhanced using an electronic planning platform which can be accessed by parents, students, and counselors. Additional college planning information is available on the school website.

Academics

Tri-County continues to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and 100% of the Class of 2008 passed the MCAS Assessment. To enhance the possibility for an increasing percentage of students to achieve proficient and/or advanced status on future MCAS assessments, and to prepare for the heightened state expectations in Biology, the administration re-configured delivery of our special education services in grades 9 and 10. Implementing a special education consultant model in English and mathematics, and to a lesser degree in science, has allowed for students with an IEP to have greater access to the College Preparatory curriculum, without sacrificing due attention to their required accommodations. In addition, this model has enabled us to limit class sizes in these core areas.

As a means of preparing for the Senior Project, successful completion of which is now a graduation requirement, all students in grades 9 and 10 complete a documented research paper in English class. Tri-County students also continued to excel in competitive academic writing and speaking events, capturing 3 local awards and a district award in the Voice of Democracy contest.

Through the HSTW Curriculum Focus Committee, the department recommended that, beginning with the Class of 2012, all students be required to pass 4 years of Social Studies. The HSTW Site Committee, the administration and the School Committee subsequently approved the new requirement.

Collaboration between the Social Studies and English departments has spawned an integrated Humanities approach to senior Honors English and World History. For the 2008-2009 school year, all seniors will take World History at either the College Preparatory or Honors level.

Competitive grant writing has enabled the Science Department to participate in Bio Teach, a series of extended lab activities. Four teachers attended a 3-day workshop in preparation for the implementation of the new activities and the scheduling of the Bio Teach mobile lab. Grant funds will pay for the needed equipment and supplies, as well as stipends for the teacher workshop participants. In addition, the school secured an academic support grant, enabling members of the Mathematics, English and Special Education Departments to design curriculum units in freshman English and Algebra 1, focusing on specific curriculum framework standards. The units were part of the Summer Academy curriculum and will be implemented in all freshman classes in the fall.

Significant professional development in technology during this year increased the ability of individual teachers and department groups in utilizing data to inform instruction, and in re-aligning the sequence/focus in specific curriculum areas. Training in Smartboard technology has also served to enhance instruction and engage students. Additional training in PowerTeacher Gradebook will enable all teachers to access and enter grades from their home computers.

Further refinements to the scoring rubrics for the various components of the Senior Project have facilitated its grading process; the success of the Senior Project Fair in 2007 prompted a repeat of this event in May, 2008, providing all students in the lower grades with a preview of their own future accomplishments, and allowing parents and advisory board members to witness the high level of skill attainment by our students.

As increasing numbers of Tri-County students decide to continue their formal education beyond high school, we have worked this year to provide students with additional academic opportunities, without compromising the time on learning needed to maximize their career-technical experience. After a year of investigation and preparation, Tri-County students began taking on-line courses after school in the fall of 2007. All offerings carried College Preparatory weight and enabled participating students to expand their elective coursework and/or provide ancillary content for their vocational concentrations. Courses for which Tri-County students registered included: Latin, Animal Behavior and Zoology, AP Computer Science, Criminology, Animation and Effects, Anatomy and Physiology, Flash MX Basics, Internet Research and Web Design; Investing in the Stock market, Business and Personal Law, Entrepreneurship, and Music Listening and Critique.

Vocational/Technical Programs

Students in the Vocational/Technical Programs experienced many successes, both school wide, and in their individual career areas. The grade 11 students from every vocational area participated in the 10-hour OSHA training program in February. The training included 2 full days of interactive, specialized instruction in construction and general industry health and safety standards. All students passed the required exam and received a 10-hour OSHA green card. Also, all students in grades 9 through 12 collected best works, both vocational and academic, letters of recommendation, awards and certificates, and resumes and cover letters to continue building their professional portfolios. And finally, Tri-County students again achieved success at the State SkillsUSA Competition. In fact, a student from Electronics competing in the Electronics Technology competition was awarded 14th place at the National SkillsUSA Competition in June. A student in the post secondary Practical Nursing Program brought home the National Silver Medal for her achievement in Health Professional Portfolio. A student from the Medical Careers shop was elected a Massachusetts State Officer for the coming school year.

Successes in Individual Vocational/Technical Areas

Collision Repair/Auto Technology: Students in the Collision Repair Shop continued to serve the needs of the community and the Tri-County School District by repairing their vehicles under the supervision of their instructors. Auto Technology was the most popular vocational program among grade 9 students this past year. Students in this shop repair, maintain, and service the Tri-County school vehicles as well as those of residents from the Tri-County RVTHS 11 town district. Both Collision Repair and Auto Technology continue to be ASE Certified from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. This nationally recognized certification is considered to be the highest achievement known in the Automotive Industry.

Carpentry: The Carpentry students were busy this past year working on three outside projects. The first project was to build bases for 12 mahogany display cases for the Franklin Historical Society. The second phase of this project will commence in September of 2008. The Carpentry students will construct shelving for the library in the Historical Society's new building. The second project completed by our Carpentry students was the construction of a storage shed in the Town of Sherborn. The third project was building a field house at Medfield High School. The Carpentry students also assisted in the construction of a garage located at Tri-County RVTHS. The students will continue this project throughout the 08/09 school year.

Computer Information Systems: Students in our CIS program continued to successfully pass certification tests in MOS, IC and A+. These accomplishments will certainly give CIS students many opportunities for employment and higher education success.

Cosmetology: This program continues to engage the largest number of students. Students in grades 11 and 12 operate a full service salon including hair and nail service to members of the Tri-County community. Many senior citizen groups enjoy the Cosmetology services offered by these talented students. Students in grades 9 and 10 welcomed the students' mothers, aunts and grandmothers as special clients one day this winter. All students who sat for the Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology exam passed and are now employed in area salons.

Culinary Arts: Gerry's Place Restaurant and Bake Shop is open to the public for lunch during the school year. A new take-out service was instituted this past year. Tri-County staff takes advantage of this service, which allows the students to experience another aspect of the restaurant industry. Students in the Culinary Arts program achieve Serve Safe Certification as well as the standards set forth by the American Culinary Foundation. The Culinary program hosted a Demonstration Day by CIA Celebrity Chefs. Students from area vocational-technical schools were invited to Tri-County for this event in April 2008.

Early Childhood Careers: Both the Preschool Program and Toddler Program continue to thrive. The ECC Program is recognized by the National Association of Young Children as one offering high quality education and care for young children. Eighty percent of the graduates will attend either state colleges or private 4-year colleges in the fall.

Electrical: Students in the Electrical Shop gain experience in simulated residential and industrial application as well as live work in the Tri-County school building. Electrical students completed an outside project at the DPW garage in Walpole this past school year. Their responsibilities on this project were to completely wire for electricity and lighting both the inside and outside of the building. This project encompassed several aspects of the Electrical industry and students in grades 11 and 12 certainly gained valuable real life work experience as they accomplished all tasks associated with the project. The students in our Electrical program also assisted the Tri-

County Carpentry students in the Medfield High School field house construction by completing the wiring for electricity and lighting. Students are preparing for the State Journeymen license examination as they successfully complete both the theoretical and shop aspects of the program.

Electronics: Students in this technical area are gaining experience in the many Cooperative Education opportunities available to them due to the state-of-the-art technology and training received at Tri-County.

Engineering Technology: The Engineering Technology Program is now in its third year. The Program achieved Project Lead the Way Certification. Subject matter includes significant course work in mathematics, physics, and other sciences. Students enrolled are preparing for further education in the many fields of Engineering. Four students from the Engineering Technology program competed at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in April and were awarded the silver medal.

Facilities Management: Students in the Facilities Program are gaining skill in a variety of construction areas. Students may achieve welding certification while enrolled in the Facilities Program. Students also gain experience by contributing to the maintenance of Tri-County's grounds. Facilities Management students participated in an off-site project for the Town of Medway by installing new bleachers at the middle school.

Graphics Communications: Students in the Graphics Communications Program are gaining experience as they provide design and printing services for Tri-County as well as for non-profit organizations in the surrounding communities. Many of our sending towns utilize our Graphics department to print school and municipal forms.

HVAC&R: Students are trained using the newest technology available. Students graduating from this shop are well prepared for high paying employment and further education.

Medical Careers: Students in grades 9 through 12 receive training in all aspects of the medical field. Students will take the Certified Nursing Assistant state examination. Other areas of focus include basic healthcare knowledge and Medical Assisting skills. These skills enable students to pursue career choices such as EMT, and EKG. Students gain practical experience in nursing homes applying skills of patient care and recreational activity.

Plumbing: The Plumbing Program continued another successful year. An articulation agreement with the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 4 was finalized recently. The agreement will allow Plumbing students the opportunity for advanced placement in the apprenticeship training program.

Dental Assisting: The Dental Assisting Program opened its brand new laboratory to grade nine students this fall. Active participation by local representation of the dental field has led to a vibrant advisory board and generous support of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Department at Tri-County offers both day and evening courses. The day program includes two Post-secondary programs, Cosmetology and Practical Nursing. The entire evening program consists of additional Cosmetology and Practical Nursing programs as well as 60 to 70 other course offerings.

Adult Day Cosmetology: The Adult Day Cosmetology Program is a full-time program that follows the high school calendar and runs from September to June. All phases of cosmetology are introduced the first half of the year. The student learns hairstyling, cutting, permanent waves, coloring, manicuring and skin care. This program provides students with the mandated 1,000 hours of schooling and prepares them to pass the State Board of Cosmetology's licensing exam. Registration for the program begins in the spring and details are available by contacting the Continuing Education office at Tri-County.

Evening Cosmetology: The evening Cosmetology programs curriculum mirrors the day program in content but is spread out in more sessions due to the limited hours at night. This program also provides its students with the 1000 mandated hours and prepares the students to pass the licensing exam. This is still a one year program that begins in September and runs until the end of June. Classes are held Monday thru Friday evenings from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Adult Day Practical Nursing: The Practical Nursing program is a full-time day program that follows the high school calendar. Classes are held from September through June. The Practical Nursing Program at Tri-County is designed to prepare graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN), which tests for entry-level competency. Successful completion of this examination permits practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Registration for this program requires that prospective students take the TEAS exam. (Test of Essential Academic Skills) The pre-admission tests are administered from October to January. Details are available by contacting the Practical Nursing office at Tri-County.

Adult Evening Practical Nursing: The evening Practical Nursing Program is a part-time, two-year program that is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-9:30 p.m. After successful completion of the course, the student will be eligible to sit for the (NCLEX-PN) examination for licensure. Successful completion of this examination permits practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Continuing Education Program: The evening Adult Education program at Tri-County consists of approximately 60-70 courses which are offered in the fall and spring semesters. Registration for fall courses takes place during August and September. Registration for spring courses takes place in January and February. Continuing Education course information can be found in brochures available to the public via direct mail and local newspapers. The evening program information is also included on the Tri-County RVTHS website at <http://www.tri-county.tc/continuingeducation> or by calling the Continuing Education office.

Student Activities

National Honor Society: The Peter H. Rickard Chapter of Tri-County is comprised of 16 seniors and 4 juniors. During the school year 2007-2008, these students participated in many fund-raising and community service activities both in and out of school. During the school year the National Honor Society was involved with and assisted the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with the "Pennies for Patients" program in Wellesley, and in May, organized a drive to assist the "Candles to Crayons" program in Quincy. The students not only collected the toys but made them look new.

At the end of May, the National Honor Society hosted a "Leadership Breakfast" honoring Tri-County students who have served in various leadership roles, both elected and appointed during the school year. The school year ended with the organization and presentation of Tri-County's sixteenth Honors Night.

SkillsUSA: A national professional organization for career and technical students, SkillsUSA provides quality educational experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development programs and activities, as well as opportunities for awards, tools, and scholarships through local, district, state, national and even international competitions in trade, leadership and demonstration programs.

Tri-County 's sophomores, juniors and seniors participated in the "In House" Competition over two days in March, competing in their individual vocational and technical programs. Tri-County sent 125 students from these competitions to the District Competition. Ninety-two Tri-County students qualified to advance to the State Competition. At this level, Tri-County received 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. One student was elected to a State Officer position. The Gold Medallists then participated in the National Competition, competing with students from 50 other states. Tri-County proudly brought home from Kansas City a silver medal in the technical area of "Health Portfolio".

Student Government

Student Advisory Committee: The student body elected 7 students to membership on the Student Advisory Committee. The principal appointed one of these elected members to report student concerns and activities to the Tri-County School Committee each month; 3 students from this group sit on the Tri-County School Council; and 3 serve on the High Schools That Work Site Committee. These 7 students also served as ex officio members of the Student Council. The student body elected 2 students to represent Tri-County on the State Student Advisory Committee. These students met at least once a month after school hours along with their many other commitments. This was only possible due to the hard work of the many teacher advisors who spent extra time and support of these students.

Class Officers: The rising sophomore, junior and senior classes elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for their respective classes following school year. The incoming freshman class elected officers on the last day of the first academic term in November. Under the supervision of the Class Advisor, officers scheduled, organized and conducted monthly after-school meetings to plan activities which included the Freshman and Sophomore Semi-Formal, the Junior and Senior Prom and the Senior Week activities. The class officers heard and communicated students' ideas to the Student Advisory Committee, and also served as officio members of the Student Council.

Student Council: Each class elected 4 representatives to the Student Council. These students, along with the class officers and the Student Advisory Committee members, served as the overall student governing body. The group met at least bi-weekly after school, and advised the faculty and administration of the day-to-day needs and concerns of the student body. Under the supervision of the Student Council Advisors, this group was also accountable for conducting and ensuring fair elections for Class Officers, the Student Advisory Committee, and the at-large Student Council membership. The Student Council sponsored the Freshman Orientation in August, followed by the Friday night activities for the Kick-Off Weekend the first week the students' return to school in September. Additionally, Student Council students assisted the Athletic Director in planning Homecoming in November and sponsored the many Spirit Week activities. In addition, the Student Council planned and coordinated, civic, social, fund-raising, and community service activities and acknowledged administrators and teachers throughout the school year.

Extra Curricular Activities

There are 10 extra-curricular activities at Tri-County. These clubs provided students with after school opportunities to enjoy, perform and compete. Tri-County worked to provide a myriad of opportunities for all students during the extended week day and many weekends.

Summary

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District is proud to provide career education to the residents of its eleven member towns. Our mission is three-fold: to prepare tomorrow's workforce; to provide a solid academic foundation for further education; and to prepare good citizens. Throughout the year, this mission has been put into action and those actions speak louder than words.

Evidence of our three-fold mission can be seen in our communities in a variety of ways. Our students work in member towns as interns, summer employees, cooperative education students, and, finally, full-time employees upon graduation.

Evidence of their academic preparation is noted through the scholarships acquired from local associations as well as the significant number of students now attending college upon graduation. Finally, evidence of Tri-County's preparation of good citizens can be seen through the actions of its mandated community service project for all students in grades nine through eleven as well as through the many charitable works of its clubs and organizations.

Tri-County is a school that works. It works to prepare our students and to serve the residents of our member towns. It also works to be a contributing member of the community. Our respective programs are available for public sector projects as appropriate, our service programs are open to residents here at the school, and our facilities are available for meeting use by our town administrations at no charge. We are your town's technical school. Please come watch us work!

Report of Self Help Incorporated

During the program year ending September 30, 2008, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$22M and provided direct services to 32,989 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Wrentham, Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling \$126,715 to 451 households during program year 2008.

Self Help's total funding of \$22,163,958 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$2,806,153 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self-Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$24,970,111.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of Wrentham and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2008 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Human Resource Director

Report of the South Norfolk County Association for Retarded Citizens

With funding through the Wrentham Board of Health, the South Norfolk County Arc (SNCARC) provides and supports services to citizens of Wrentham who are disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. SNCARC is a private, non-profit membership-based organization founded in 1954 by local parents. For more than half a century SNCARC has been, and continues to be, governed by the family members of the individuals we serve. It is a testament to the good works we perform that the town of Wrentham, along with the other eleven towns we serve, continues to provide the vital funding support as it has done for over thirty years.

Our mission is, "To advocate for and provide supports and services to people disabled by mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and to their families."

Supports and services provided by SNCARC to the citizens of Wrentham include:

Family Support and Respite Care:

SNCARC provides temporary in-home or out-of-home professional care and training for children and adults with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities on a planned or emergency basis. It operates after-school and school vacation week programs for children, provides a wide range of support groups for families and operates a resource center for parents and professionals at our home facility in Westwood.

Family Autism Center:

The SNCARC Family Autism Center implements high quality programs, services and environments for all persons with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides individuals with autism, their families and the general community with information and referral services, educational services, parent and sibling support groups and a resource library with Internet access.

Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC):

ALEC is a collaboration of the Family Autism Center with the office of Norfolk County District Attorney, William R. Keating and local fire and police precincts. ALEC training helps foster a deeper understanding of ASD among public safety and law enforcement personnel. Training is available for police officers, emergency room personnel and firefighters, using curriculum and videos specific to each group. Presenters are first responders with direct knowledge of ASD through a family member.

Social-Recreational Programs:

SNCARC provides special after-school and evening education classes, sports activities, social clubs and events, and special summer programs for individuals with mental retardation. A principal component of these programs is one-to-one volunteer friendships (citizen advocacy).

Advocacy:

SNCARC provides specialized education, information and referral services, social support, as well as legal, financial and other consultation support. This program also provides self-advocacy training to individuals and advocacy support to families with members who are disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Clinical Resource Program:

SNCARC provides behavioral and other psychological counseling and psychiatric services for children and adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and their families.

Residential Management:

SNCARC provides Residential Management Services for residential homes and apartments housing individuals with mental retardation.

Day Habilitation Program:

SNCARC provides educational and therapeutic services for adults with severe and multiple developmental disabilities. The program works to help individuals improve their communication skills, physical well being, domestic and self-care skills, community living skills and social skills. This program includes a component for individuals who are elderly and disabled by mental retardation. Its primary objective is to enable these individuals to continue to maintain their functional and social skills and to meaningfully participate in the life of their community.

SNCARC was selected by the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers to receive the prestigious '*Peer Provider Award*' which this statewide organization presented to us at their annual Convention and Expo held this year on 12/3/08 at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston. Specifically, we were nominated by the staff of Rehabilitation Resources, an agency providing residential services, for the work of our Day Habilitation Program staff. The nomination states, in part, "Seven individuals served by Rehabilitation Resources attend the day habilitation program at SNCARC where they receive exemplary services . . ."

In addition, we were informed that the collaborative way in which our staff work with other agencies in the best interest of the individuals at the program was a primary reason for the nomination. It is a tribute to our entire Day Habilitation staff to be recognized for such important work.

Services supported by SNCARC through its affiliate Lifeworks:

Vocational Training and Job Placement Programs:

Lifeworks Employment Services provides vocational rehabilitation for mentally retarded persons age 18 and over. These services include vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, sheltered employment, transitional or supported employment and competitive job placement and follow-up support.

Residential Programs:

Lifeworks Residential Programs provides home-like environments and supervision, care and training in independent living skills, functional academics and social skills. These programs include community residences and supervised apartments (both with 24-hour staffing) and cooperative apartments (with staff assistance less than 24 hours per day).

Wrentham residents who wish to visit or learn more about our programs or who wish to request services for someone disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disability should contact us at (781) 762-4001.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Abel, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Report of the Sweatt Fund Advisory Committee

The Sweatt Fund – History

It has been often said that luck shined down on the Town of Wrentham the day William H. Sweatt moved to town from Norfolk. It had been implied that Mr. Sweatt moved to Wrentham in anger after a dispute with the Town of Norfolk over the cutting down of a tree on his property. Whatever the reason may have been, Mr. Sweatt, President of the former American Felt Co. in City Mills, moved to a new home on East Street and lived there until his death in 1929. His wife, Lillian, remained in the house until her death in August of 1931. Reports were that Mrs. Sweatt was so distraught over the loss of her husband, that she took her own life while visiting her husband's grave in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. The couple had no children.

In his fairly subjective will, it is stated that the Trust will be managed by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. and that the funds should be spent for "public improvements" or "luxuries" that would not normally be included in the town budget. The "care or improvement of the Town Common" and the "care of its shade trees" were two examples he used. Section 12 of the will also states that "It shall be entirely in the discretion of my said Trustee (Boston Safe Deposit & Trust) whether all, and if less than all, what portion of the income shall be so expended from time to time as purposes which it believes to be within my above expressed intention". The sum left to the Town of Wrentham was \$200,000.

In March of 1932, the Town of Wrentham accepted the Trust and immediately the Town Moderator appointed a Ways and Means Committee of the Sweatt Bequest. In its first annual report in 1932, this three-member committee reported a landscape architect was hired to develop plans for a new park to be located in the town center. The Committee stated, "The committee feels that the transformation of the unsightly area to a playground for small children meets in every way the ideas of the benefactor, whose thoughtfulness and generosity made the improvement possible without expense to the town." This new park, eventually named the William H. Sweatt Memorial Park, was to include tennis courts, wrought iron grillwork, a children's play area, a drinking fountain at its entrance and a bas-relief portrait of William Sweatt on a bronze plaque. This project took 10 years to complete due to bad weather and a lower interest income during the 1930's. It also used the funds for tree maintenance and repair of damage to the trees after the 1938 hurricane.

In 1941, the Ways and Means Committee turned the responsibility of the trust fund over to the Board of Selectmen. It was reported that up to this time the town had received a total of \$46,258.25 in interest from the Trust. This 10 year mark also became significant because section 13 of the will states, "After the expiration of ten years from the acceptance of said gift by the Town of Wrentham, my said Trustee shall have the right to pay over at any time all or part of the principal of said fund to or for the benefit of said Town for capital expenditure on any one or more public improvements, or for the endowment of any public institution at the discretion of my said Trustee with the approval of the then Board of Selectmen of said Town of Wrentham, and in case of the expenditure of more than \$10,000 of said principal for any one purpose with the approval of the Town expressed by a vote at a Town Meeting in the warrant for which is contained an article calling for the consideration of such approval by the town." It was strongly suggested that "it be well to consider carefully and without haste every suggestion for depleting the principal." This is still true today.

During the 1940's, the board of Selectmen spent very little of the trust income. In 1948 they purchased the first town ambulance, a 1948 Cadillac. During the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's the fund was used primarily for recreational purposes. A town beach, a boat landing and a baseball field complex on Randall road were created using Sweatt funds. Lighting of the ball field was also paid for to extend usage of the complex into the later hours. Though Recreation received the lion's share of the income, other projects were also supported. A new sound system for the elementary schools, emergency generators for the Fire Department, a set of law books for the Selectmen, Swimming lessons for youths, rehabilitation of the Sheldonville School, purchase of a Police rescue boat and many other projects received funding. One regretful project was the printing of the town history, which the fund helped pay for in 1973, which failed to even mention the name of William Sweatt.

In 1974, the Board of Selectmen reported that the Trustee "favored a gradual de-emphasis on grants for recreational purposes and would like other areas to be considered, such as Council on Aging projects, landscaping and beautification of scenic areas (conservation) and other projects that would benefit "all the citizens of Wrentham" It was shortly after that, in 1984, that Gertrude and Roger Goodwin initiated a town meeting article to form a committee to study the management and allocations of the fund. They claimed that past grants were not fitting the intent of the Sweatt will. The study committee eventually recommended the following:

- That the fund be administered under the auspices of the Board of Selectmen.
- That the Board of Selectmen appoints a three member Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to review requests and to make recommendations on awarding grants. No member of such Advisory Committee should be a member of any committee being a recipient of funds.
- Only town elected or appointed committee members shall be able to solicit and administer funds.
- A standard request form will be used to solicit funds, stating amount, duration of project and details on project execution.
- All Sweatt fund account balances should be reviewed before grants are made.
- A public hearing, being a joint meeting of the B.O.S. and Advisory Committee will be held to allow public expression of ideas relative to requests being considered. Representatives from each committee soliciting funds shall be present to address questions or concerns expressed by all parties.
- Final recommendations, with approval from the Board of Selectmen, shall then be sent to the Trustee for their review and approval.

Since the Advisory Committee creation in 1985, the committee has been expanded to five members. The following notes the current (2009) guidelines for the Sweatt fund requests processing cycle:

- The amount of funds to be disbursed annually is determined by a calculation of 5% of the Trust Fund's market value on August 31st of the year.
- A notice is sent to all Wrentham appointed and elected committees/officials from the Board of Selectmen in September of each year stating that requests for funds should be submitted. This should be a period of no less than 30 days, with a specific deadline time and date. No requests will be honored after the deadline.
- A public meeting will be held with the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee to review all requests being considered for funding. The meeting will be run by the Chairman

of the Advisory Committee and include discussions from both groups, personnel soliciting funds and open to public comments.

- Advisory Committee will meet to determine their recommendations for funding. All requests will be granted or an explanation should be given for those not being recommended for funding. Consideration should be given to ensure all requests are within the intent of the Sweatt will, and will benefit all residents of the town.
- The Advisory Committee will meet at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen to review their recommendations. Once approval of the Board of Selectman is obtained, the recommendations are then to be forwarded by the B.O.S. to the Trustee. (currently the Mellon Bank)

Sources of information found here are from past issues of the Wrentham Annual Town Reports and articles written in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle newspaper.

It can be readily seen that the Town of Wrentham is fortunate in having such a wonderful source upon which to draw funds for projects that would otherwise be difficult in funding from tax dollars. It is estimated that over two million (\$2,000,000) has been disbursed to the town since 1932. The quality of life in Wrentham is so much better as a result of Mr. Sweatt's foresight and generosity. Today programs such as; the care and maintenance of the Sweatt Park and the town common, senior center programs, library programs, Sunday concerts, free family museum passes, and many more are made available. The Town of Wrentham is truly blessed thanks to Mr. William Herbert Sweatt.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jones
Sweatt Fund Advisory Board, Chairman

Report of the Department of Veterans' Services

This report covers the period of November 2007 through October 2008.

Under Chapter 115, General Laws of Massachusetts and Code of Massachusetts Regulations 108, the Wrentham Department of Veterans' Services takes applications for benefits that provide financial and medical assistance to qualified veterans, their dependents and surviving spouses.

In addition, information was provided on all state and federal veterans' programs. Forms necessary to receive these benefits were made available and assistance was given to complete them.

As applicable, notices of available benefits, as well as ceremonies held by our veterans' organizations, were placed on the Wrentham Town Website, community television and in local newspapers.

Blue Star Banners, grave markers and Presidential Memorial Certificates were provided as necessary. Veterans were helped to obtain replacement military records, medals and veterans' license plates.

Applications to enroll in the VA Health Care System were given along with assistance in filling them out. Information on various programs within this system was given out.

The annual Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony and Veterans' Day Ceremony were organized.

American flags were placed on all known veterans' graves by American Legion Post 225, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9658, and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

The Flag Day Ceremony to properly "retire" worn United States Flags was organized. Wrentham scouting organizations took part in this activity.

Meetings of the area Veteran Service Officers organization and training sessions held by Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services were attended.

Thanks to all our elected officials, town employees and citizens for their continued help throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric J. Cross, VSO
Elizabeth A. Cross, Secretary

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Wrentham Zoning Board of Appeals held public hearings and acted on the following applications for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Location	Type	Action	File #
117 Lakeside Avenue	Special Permit	Approved	2008-01 SP
45 Luke Street	Special Permit	Denied	2008-02 SP
692 Dedham Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-03 SP
721 Madison Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-04 SP
373 Taunton Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-05 SP
400 Green Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-06 SP
484 West Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-07 SP
252 Beach Street	Special Permit	Withdrawn Without Prejudice	2008-08 SP
45 Circle Drive	Special Permit	Approved	2008-09 SP
2470 West Street	Special Permit	Withdrawn Without Prejudice	2008-10 SP
1807 West Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-11 SP
1 Garden Lane	Special Permit	Approved	2008-12 SP
73 Lake Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-13 SP
510 Washington Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-14 SP
33 Redbird Road	Variance	Withdrawn Without Prejudice	2008-15 V
33 Redbird Road	Special Permit	Approved	2008-15 SP
221 Walnut Road	Special Permit	Approved	2008-16 SP
23 A Street	Special Permit	Approved	2008-17 SP
692 South Street	Home Occupation/ Special Permit	Approved	2008-18 HO/SP
20 Hayden Woods	Variance	Withdrawn Without Prejudice	2008-19 V
185 South Street	Variance/ Special Permit	On-Going	2008-20 V/SP

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Seymour, Chairman
 Leo E. Immonen, Clerk
 Shawn Gough, Member
 Walter Pelrine, Associate Member

Keith Langer, Vice Chairman
 Gerald Danca, Member
 Gregory Sexton, Associate Member
 John Redman, Associate Member

Municipal Directory

Accountant	508-384-5406
Animal Control Officer	508-384-2523
Board of Assessors	508-384-5408
Board of Health	508-384-5480
Board of Selectmen	508-384-5400
Building Inspector	508-384-5421
Collector	508-384-5413
Conservation Commission	508-384-5417
Constables	508-384-5415
Council on Aging	508-384-5425
Emergency – Police and Fire	911
Police Department	508-384-2121
Fire Department	508-384-3131
Emergency Management	508-384-6980
Finance Department	508-384-5413
Fiske Public Library	508-384-5440
Harbormaster	508-384-6943
Housing Authority	508-384-2054
Moderator	508-384-1141
Planning Board	508-384-5441
Public Health Nurses	508-384-5485
Public Works Department	508-384-5477
Recreation Committee	508-384-5427
Recycling	508-384-5418
Schools	
Wrentham Elementary School	508-384-5439
King Philip Regional Middle School	508-384-3875
King Philip Regional High School	508-384-1000
Tri-County Regional Vocational High School	508-528-5400
Norfolk County Agricultural High School	508-668-0268
Town Administrator	508-384-5400
Town Clerk	508-384-5415
Veterans Services	508-384-8233
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-384-5400